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BRILLIANT CROATIA SHATTERS PRESTON

MELBOURNE Croatia made a timely return to form and turned on a dazzling display against Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park on Sunday.

In one of the most one-sided matches imaginable, Preston came off second-best in every department.

Possibly only full-back George Jolevski could look back on the game with any satisfaction.

Croatia's domination was founded on a superlative display from Alan Davidson, and reinforced with a superb midfield where Zeljko Adzic and Branko Milosevic never stopped running, whilst up at the front, Francis Awaritefe's speed posed problems Preston's defence couldn't cope with.

In view of the problems Croatia has had recenlty with injuries to defenders like George Hannah, Con Opasinis and Mark Talajic, it was ironic that it was in that department that Preston was found lacking, with both Ian Roodhouse and Robert Runje out of action.

Croatia must now be a great chance to beat Sydney Olympic at Olympic Park on Sunday in the minor semi-final.

Olympic coach Eddie Thomson was furious at his team after it lost to St George in the preliminary final and called St George a "pub team".

Thomson had spent an interesting week, in confrontation with the NSL management over its decision to stage the semi-final of the Cup on Wednesday, three days before the Finals were due to start.

Thomson vowed he would play a team of reserves in the semi-final against APIA and was told his club would be fined if he did.

But that was exactly what he did, and what's more Olympic won the game with a late penalty.

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● Croatia's Joe Caleta hurdles Phil Trainedes on his way to goal, watched anxiously by George Jolevski. Unfortunately for Caleta, the ball got away from him.

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BLEAK OUTLOOK FOR MELBOURNE

THE 1989 NSL season just ended was an unmitigated disaster for this State, the full effects of which have still to be assessed.

Only two rounds from the end, two Melbourne clubs were sitting on the top three, with every prospect of getting the double chance in the finals.

Eventually they finished fourth and fifth, which meant that only one could progress further.

Whilst that is bad enough it's still an improvement on last season, when only South Melbourne finished in the top five and was eliminated first up by Marconi.

But it's the outcome of the relegation position that gives cause for the most concern.

The relegation of Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST is the biggest disaster to hit Melbourne soccer since 1977, when the National League kicked off.

Don't get me wrong, this is not a plea that the two clubs should be saved from relegation as South Melbourne was at the end of the 1979 season; all the clubs knew the consequences of finishing in the bottom two positions before the season started and they have to cop it [illegible]

But their relegation hits the other Melbourne NSL clubs equally as hard.

Next season there will be no South Melbourne v Heidelberg clashes, no JUST v the two Croatias, no Heidelberg v Preston Makedonia, and consequently a big loss in revenue.

Melbourne's NSL strength has been reduced to four at the moment and in the worst possible scenario, by the time November 5 comes round when the silly season starts, the composition of the NSL could be as unbalanced as eight from NSW, four from Victoria, one from Adelaide and one from Brisbane.

As far as the Melboune four would be concerned, that would mean that out of their 13 away matches, no fewer than 10 would be played interstate, compared with the six played interstate by the lucky New South Wales teams.

In practical terms that means that fans of a Melbourne club, at times, might have to wait three weeks to see their team in action.

Let us suppose, for argument's sake, that Preston Makedonia plays Marconi at home and wins, then has to travel the next week to Adelaide.

And the following week the club is away again, this time to a Sydney club, before the following week it is at home again to who? . . . APIA, Blacktown City, St George, Wollongong City . . . who cares?

None of those clubs will excite enough interest in Melbourne fans to generate an attendance that will go anywhere near covering the players' wages for the previous two weeks.

But hang on a minute, I can hear you saying, suppose a Melbourne club, having topped the State League this season wins that iniquitous playoff with the Queensland and South Australian champions and is promoted, lifting Melbourne's presence to five?

Well, just consider that club's chances for a minute.

The Victorian season ends on October 30, with the playing of the Dockerty Cup final.

The champion club will have had to fulfil its VSF obligations, including a possible Dockerty Cup semi-final appearance at least, before setting off on its travels to Brisbane and Sydney to qualify, playing four games in all.

By then it will have about 10 days left in which to rebuilt its team to compete in the NSL.

None of the three leading contenders for the State League championships has a team strong enough to compete in the NSL wihtout going on a massive spending spree, and if they have any illusions to the contrary, they only have to remember Heidelberg's unavailing struggle to survive last season.

Chairman Sam thinks so little of the promoted club's chances that he has declared there will be no promotion and telegation "for the next couple of years" "to give them a chance", as he so naively puts it.

That's all well and good but where does that leave Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST?

Up the proverbial creek without a paddle, that's where!

If Heidelberg and Melbourne JUST have to stay in the State League for two years, they won't have the playing strength left to win the State League championship in 1992.

That's because you can be sure that the Socceroos like Jeff Olver, Garry McDowall, Oscar Crino, Gary van Egmond, and ambitious players on the fringe of national selection like Ernie Tapai and others will have gone to greener pastures.

It will suit George Cross of course, having survived by the skin of its teeth for the last three years, it can coast along finishing bottom of the NSL for a couple of years without having to bother about paying money out for players, but that's a dismal prospect, isn't it?

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SNIPPETS

by LES SHORROCK

informed that when the new NSL League program is unfolded, you'll find matches scheduled for December 23, 25 and 26.

Well, they'll have to manage without me, I can tell you now.

I don't know about you, but as far as I'm concerned, Christmas is for the family and not for watching George Cross v Wollongong City on the Chaplin paddock or whereever.

Round about kick-off time I reckon I'll be in the pool with my friends, digesting the Christmas pud and wondering what to do with my presents.

And you can get that Chairman Sam won't be at a game either, nor will Tony Labbozzetta or any of the gang who, for want of a better term, run the NSL.

They'll be in Surfer's, don't you worry about that.

What sort of lunatic wants to watch soccer in Melbourne on a hot Christmas day . . . I know, the recently divorced and the homeless, that's who!

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XMAS SOCCER? . . . NO THANKS

As if playing in summer isn't crazy enough, I have now been reliably

FINALS UNNECESSARY

Much as I enjoyed last Sunday's elimination match at Olympic Park, I still came away with the thought that the whole finals system, which we filched from another code is unnecessary and unfair.

The finals method of winding up the season was invented by footy to pad out a season that was shorter than it should be because of the VFL's lack of promotion and relegation.

And greed came into it too when the number of finals contestants was increased from four to five.

Now we are saddled witha system that the prestigious magazine World Soccer described last year as "incomprehensible" to decide which team was the best in the year, when we all know that Marconi was easily the best.

Cast your mind back to that thrilling finale to the English First Division in May.

Arsenal pipped Liverpool for the championship in the last thirty seconds of the season; can you imagine anyone daring to suggest that Arsenal, pipped Liverpool for the championship in the last thirty seconds of the season; can you imagine anyone daring to suggest that Arsenal, Liverpool, Nottingham Forest, Derby County and Norwich City should start playing a series to decide the champion?

Yet we could have a situation in two or three weeks' time when Marconi and another team end the so-called Grand Final level and Marconi loses on penalty kicks, and what would that prove?

No championship should ever be decided on penalties . . . knock-out Cup tournaments certainly, but not championships.

Champions prove themselves by being consistent over thirty weeks, not by producing a flash-in-the-pan ninety minutes of brilliance.

I sincerely hope that Melbourne Croatia goes all the way and wins the Grand Final, but like all soccer people, I will still feel in my heart of hearts that the true champion of 1989 is Marconi.

Let us have a five-club end of season series by all means, but let it be for that lovely Cup that is a legacy of when Phillips was the NSL sponsor.

The NSL executive has turned the Cup competition into an embarrassing farce in its haste to end the season.

Olympic coach EddieThomson exposed that when he defied the League and produced a very much under-strength team to beat APIA in the semi-final last Wednesday week.

Thomson was livid that he was expected to play a cup semi-final four days before the preliminary final against St George.

Now he will probably be fined for his temerity.

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OLYMPIC PARK UNSAFE FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Olympic Park's lack of safety measures was amply demonstrated once again on Sunday when a horde of fans poured onto the pitch at the end of the game.

I was foolish enough to work right up to the end of the game and was still packing up my gear when the first wave washed over me.

I was surrounded by a crowd of inquisitive youths who wanted to finger all the camera gear, one of whom snatched a photograph out of my bag and disappeared with it.

But I can't complain about security really, because when I turned to leave the crowd I found I was locked in!

Some zealous member of the ground staff had made amends for the lack of ground control by locking the two tunnel entrances as the players walked off.

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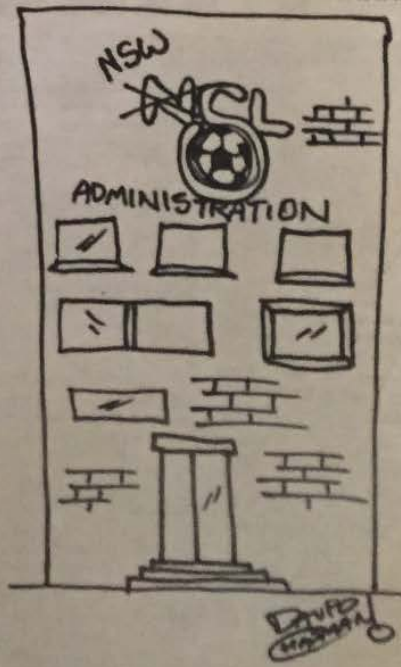

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FACING THE MUSIC

● Dominic Ruccia of Bulleen displaying a natty line in gent's underwear.

HELLO, Hello, I'm back again (Gary Glitter) and, as per last week's request from the urban spaceman (The Bonzo Dog Doo-Darh Band), it's a mixture of soccer and music in this offering.

Okay, (Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich) let's get on with it (Marvin Gaye).

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A BAD 'OMEN

I was down at Albert Park the other day when the driver of the car behind me started tooting his horn and motioning me to pull over.

I didn't recognise him at first but it was that old George Cross legend Damian Morgan.

● Gus MacLeod, just loves scoring goals.

His new ponytail threw me, you see.

Still (The Commodores) the affable Irishman Damian, was telling me that he is now the Youth Recreation Officer for the South Melbourne Council.

He was also telling me of the recent joke he played on his flat mate Ian Tennant, who used to play for Moreland in its Division One days.

It seems that Damian and Ian — also known as "The Booze Brothers" — decided to have a midnight swim, sans togs, after yet another losing bout with the bottle.

However, when Ian was safely out to sea, Damian snatched up his clothes and ran off home, leaving Ian to navigate the three or four streets in his birthday suit.

That's what friends are for (Elton, The Wedge, Stevie, etc.) eh?

As I was chatting to Damian, I couldn't help noticing that he was greedily eyeing up the Scottish pies I had just taken delivery of from Gordon (Redcard) Flavell of Sweeney Todd's Bakery.

Eventually we agreed that one Scottish pie was all this interview was worth, so off he drove with the pie on his dashboard.

What a boy!

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GIRLS! GIRLS! GIRLS! (Sailor) We've been having a run of daughters on the new arrival scene recently.

Bobby and Lynn McGuiness got the ball rolling last month when little Caitlyn arrived and, last week, Berwick City's Jimmy Wilson and his wife Sally had a little girl called Hannah (what about her sisters Jimmy?).

Not to be outdone, my teammate Mich "Turtle" Pichner and his wife Brigid will be taking home their own little package of bliss, Alicia Nicole, this week.

Congratulations and best wishes to all.

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SPEAKING of Berwick City, I dread to think what the average age of their side must be.

I knew that Gus "goal-a-game" McLeod, Jimmy Rooney and Johnny Gardiner were [illegible] run there when their coaching commitments allowed, but I didn't realise that Lou Kastner, Jimmy Smart, Johnny Wallace and John Webb were also putting on the boots for player/coach Tommy O'Halloran.

You'll notice that I haven't listed all their old clubs.

The reason being lack of space.

Also at Berwick is my old pal, Davie Wainwright.

He's one player coaches never have any trouble with as you just point him in the direction of anybody wearing a different colour of jersey and the job is done! (That's jersey, by the way, not guernsey).

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ONE aspect of game I've always enjoyed is the friendly banter between players and opposition supporters, but you don't usually hear much you can print in these exchanges.

Recently, however, I've had a couple of laughs.

The first time we were playing Ringwood Willhelmina, one of their supporters roared out "Rabbie, where's your trewsers" (Andy Stewart) in reference to the black bicycle shorts I was wearing — more about them later.

● Luther Kastner

Then, at St Albans a couple of weeks ago, a young Croatian supporter had his little mates slapping their thighs when he shouted out "That's not how ye make porridge" when he realised that Mark Flaming and I were speaking the Queen's scottish.

I'll pay them both.

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NOW, these bicycle shorts.

Haven't they started to [illegible] are really good for the hamstrings, etc., and I've felt really comfortable wearing them in the recent cold weather.

Thomastown's Russel Athersych was the first player I saw wearing them.

They were a very nice sky-blue colour and, by God, I gave him a bit of stick about them.

You can imagine the abuse he showered on me when we played them later and I was wearing them myself.

However, even Russell doesn't wear the shorts with the names and logos on them like Bulleen's Claude Avian and Dominic Ruccia.

They're a bit too gaudy for me too.

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LASTLY this week, I feel I must point out that my young brother Davie, has scored two goals for Waverley City in his last two games v. Brighton, (a cracker it was too, according to Jim Tansey), and Richmond.

All right now (Free), it's over (The Big O), no more music.

If you liked it, good, if not I'm sorry (Brenda Lee), and I apologise (P.J. Proby).

— ***RAB***

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WADEY SAYS . . . CROATIA CAN DO IT!

WE'VE got down to the no nonsense end of the season now and as in every year the men are being separated from the boys.

By PAUL WADE

And boy, did we see some men on Sunday at Olympic Park.

The men were the Red Army of Melbourne Croatia as they taught the boys of Preston Makedonia a football-ing lesson.

Two weeks ago there were a lot of questions to be answered by the men from Somers Street, as they were shown the ropes by Marconi.

Maybe that was just what the doctor ordered because on Sunday's performance not even Marconi are going to stop them in their quest for the title. They were as solid as a rock at the back, led admirably by Socceroo Alan Davidson.

I could talk about his leadership and skill on the ball until the cows come home, but what impresses me more about this man is his thirst for success.

Here you have a man who's been there, done that.

He has achieved what ost of us will only ever dream about including playing over 60 times for his country, not to mention playing for Nottingham Forrest in England.

And still he gives total commitment to the job in hand.

Sunday's job was Preston, and with an arrogance that only Davo has, he proceeded to lead by example an absolute blinder on both flanks, going past defenders as though they were standing still.

He supplied cross after cross for Joe Caleta and Zeljko Adzic, but their finishing was not the best.

The biggest culprit for missed chances in the first half was in fact Caleta, who mistimed a simple tap in after a goalmouth scramble involving half a dozen players.

At that stage people must have been wondering if it was going to be one of those days.

To emphasise how dominating Croatia was in this period, Stuart Cannell was making overlapping runs on the right and left sides of the park, and that is a rare sight indeed.

One main reason for this was Theo Selemedis' organisation at the back.

Not a mark on him at the end of 90 minutes and he was always in control and on hand on the few occasions Preston threatened.

Branko Milosevic and Josip Biskic were running the show in midfield in a way the Croatian fans have become accustomed to this season.

They both made defence splitting runs forward and released forwards on several occasions.

But at half time for all Croatia's domination, Preston were still on level terms.

The second half saw a more organised and more fluent Preston start with a flurry of pressure on the Croatia defence.

JOhn Markovski shot just wide from 18 yards with his unfavoured right foot. Zoran Tasevski and Andrew Zinni were denied on the line by none other than Awaritefe and Adzic only to see the final round fall to Markovski whose 25 yard shot dipped wickedly to clip the cross bar.

The 2000 Preston fans found voice and started to let everybody know they were back in the hunt.

But like so many times before they were silenced in the 64th minute when a corner from the right found a totally unmarked Milosevic eight yards out.

His powerful header was parried and then fumbled into the net by the unfortunate Phil Traianedes.

Preston's marking in the penalty area was questionable all day and this tim eit was punished for it.

And it was punished again only two minutes later when the smallest man on the ground, little Zeljko Adzic, was allowed a free header in the six yard box as Awaritefe's inch-perfect cross came over.

Preston tried desperately after that to come back, but to no avail.

After the game an interested spectator told me not to forget to write that Croatia will win the title.

After Sunday's performance, it wouldn't need a genius to appreciate that.

I think this week that the men from Somers Street are quite capable of dishing out more of the same medicine to Sydney Olympic.

● Alan Davidson . . . total commitment.

NSL DETAILS

● *Happiness is a winning goal! Jubilant Croatia players Joe Caleta, Branko Milosevic, Ivan Duzel, Zeljko Adzic, Alan Davidson and Francis Awaritefe salute their fans after Adzic's stunning second goal had put the game out of Preston's reach.*

St George upsets experts

THE much-maligned St George once more upset the experts with a dour 1-0 victory over Sydney Olympic in the preliminary semi-final at St George Stadium on Sunday.

St George, picked as a relegation candidate at the start of the season, was too committed and composed for the eager Olympic runners, who wasted at least five good scoring chances.

Olympic travels to Melbourne this week to meet Melbourne Croatia in the minor semi-final while St George clashes with minor premier Marconi at Marconi in the major semi-final.

Saints coach Frank Arok was delighted with the attitude and application of his team but his opposite, Eddie Thomson, was angry and disappointed.

"We were beaten by a pub team. All they could do was kick and rush," Thomson said.

"They hoped we'd make a mistake and we did, with the help of some bad goalkeeping."

Thomson was referring to 60 seconds of sustained pressure which led to the winning goal, in the 61st minute, by Scott Ollerenshaw.

St George pounded the Olympic pal with a continuous series of shots, forcing keeper Clint Gosling to punch three successive balls clear of the goal area.

His last effort landed in front of Ollerenshaw's favored left foot and wound up in the back of the net.

Olympic had the better of the scoreless first half with Jason Polak and Alistair Edwards frequently breaking down the left only to see the crosses cleared or fumbled by their supporting strikers.

Grant Lee (21m and 43m), Polak (27m) and Abbas Saad (37m) were all in scoring range but failed to convert against the gritty St George Defence led by David Green and David Ratcliffe.

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A smashing 25m drive by Alistair Edwards in the 54th minute which keeper Mike Gibson could only parry sparked a St George revival and the team suddenly swung into action.

Rugged defence by Mike Grbevski and Gibson turned away three Olympic shots in mid-half and the match had srung in favor of St George.

"Our secret weapon, which was decided by the players, was to cut out danger man Polak and we switched Alan Pottier to mark him," Arok said.

"Olympic is very dangerous if it gets enough space and every time the team plays well it is started by Polak.

"The team that puts together enough half chances deserves to win and we hope to do the same next week."

Thomson also feels confident about this weekend's match, saying Sunday's loss could be the right tonic for the team after an unbeaten run of nine games.

However, he was disappointed at having to play in Melbourne, claiming Olympic finished higher in the table and should have the advantage of the home city.

MAN OF THE MATCH:

● *SCOTT OLLERENSHAW*

ELIMINATION SEMI-FINAL

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Milosevic 63rd, Adzic 65th)
PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0
At Olympic Park, Sunday. Crowd 6500. Referee G. Power. Cautions Piculovski, Jolevski, Taseski (PM) Milosevic (MC).

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Grgic — Davidson, Selemides, Cannell, Donnelly - Milosevic, Biskic, Duzel, Adzic (Valentic 89th) - Caleta, Awaritefe. Coach Ivan Reznjevic.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes - Tasevski, Jackson, Piculovski, Jolevski - Petrov, Zinni (Branov 8th), Taseski, Markovski - Smith, Spink. Coach Andon Doncevski.

PRELIMINARY SEMI-FINAL

ST GEORGE 1 (Ollerenshaw 61st) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0
At St George Stadium, Sunday. Referee Don Campbell. Cautions O'Shea, Moffitt (St.G).

ST GEORGE: Gibson - Green, Koczka, Ratcliffe, Grbevski - O'Shea, Krislovic (Ilic 86th), Moffitt, Pottier - Bingley (Harper 79th), Ollerenshaw. Coach Frank Arok.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling - Barrett, Hooker, Haniotis, Georgakis - Koch, Edwards, Polak, Lee (Spyridakos 79th) - Ironside, Saad. Coach Eddie Thomson.

NSL CUP SEMI-FINAL

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Koch, pen. 87th) APIA LEICHHARDT 0
At St George Stadium, Wednesday. Referee J. McConnell. Cautions Hristodoulou, Aroujo, Larois (SO), Halliday, Kosmina (Ap).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier - Triantafyllou, Spyridakos, Hooker, Koch - Hristodoulou, McGarry (Oldridge 76th), Aroujo (Sharpley 60th), Lee - Larois, Ironside. Coach Eddie Thomson.
APIA LEICHHARDT: Pezzano - Webber, Halliday, Radosavljevic, Blagojevic - Ellem (Mason 28th), Bundalo, Hagan Ricoy (O'Connor 73rd) - R. Brown, Kosmina. Coach Michael Urukalo.

CROATIA RETAINS HOME ADVANTAGE

Melbourne Croatia ended Preston's season and retained a home-town advantage for this week's minor semi-final by scoring a 2-0 victory in the elimination at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Croatia meets Sydney Olympic on Sunday, following Olympic's 1-0 loss to St George in the other semi-final.

Croatia dominated the match whith its skilful, free-flowing game and penetrating attacks.

Branko Milosevic and Zeljko Adzic called the shots in midfield, while Francis Awaritefe ran riot in attack, giving his opponent, Bill Piculovski, a day he would rather forget.

Time and again, Awaritefe sped past his hapless marker to wreak havoc in the Preston defence.

Preston hung on grimly until the 63rd minute when Milosevic headed the first goal after a free kick from Josip Biskic.

Earlier, a shot from Croatia's superb right back Alan Davidson had bounced off the goal post and Joe Caleta had missed the rebound.

Preston had only one scoring attempt in the entire first half, with John Markovski's low shot flashing past the post.

MAN OF THE MATCH:

● *ALAN DAVIDSON*

Croatia's second goal came only two minutes after the first. Awaritefe crossed from the right and Adzic rose to head it into the net.

That goal inspired a brief Preston flurry which brought the best out of Croatia's defence. First goalkeeper Mate Grgic blocked a shot from Markovski and then Awaritefe headed a scoring attempt from Zoran Tasevski off the goal line.

Croatia continued attacking but Caleta missed the best chance by miskicking from five metres after being set up by Adzic.

Croatia coach Ivan Raznjevic, while delighted with the result, would not make any predictions about the remaining matches, starting with the clash against Sydney Olympic this Sunday.

He praised his players for having stuck to their individual tasks and having shut out the Preston forwards.

Preston coach Andon Doncevski said he was disappointed with the later part of the season after his team had held second for so long.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE LADDER

GEORGE CROSS	19	17	2	0	74	21	36
ALTONA GATE	20	13	3	4	59	25	29
PRESTON	20	13	1	6	70	27	27
STH. MELB	19	11	3	5	69	29	25
MELB. CROATIA	19	10	1	8	55	38	21
H'BERG U/ALEX	18	9	3	6	35	30	21
CLIFTON HILL	20	2	4	9	28	53	18
MELB. JUST	20	4	4	12	28	38	12
C'FIELD CITY	20	5	2	13	31	61	12
MALVERN CITY	19	3	3	13	29	79	9
CLAYTON	20	1	2	17	19	96	4

NYL RESULTS

MELB. CROATIA 20 CLAYTON 0
MELB. JUST 1 MALVERN C 1
CAULFIELD CITY 0 CLIFTON HILL 4
ALTONA GATE 2 STH. MELB. 2

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Turmoil in 1A

DIVISION One Afternoon continues to provide the excitement. In this round second-placed Hampton Park was defeated by third-placed Coomoora Spiders; leaders Windsor were held to a draw by sixth-placed Melbourne Rumaia; while cellarmen, Springvale Eagles led for 78 minutes before being over-run by Flamingo.

Just to prove that 1A teams do not keep the excitement to their own division, fourth-placed Thomastown United suffered the indignity of being done like a dinner by Third Division's St Albans Dynamo in a post-poned hMansfield Bunney League Cup replay.

At Carrum Downs, Springvale Eagles, which has languished bottom table for many weeks, was jubilant when Saenz and Cardone put the home side 2-0 in front by half-time.

During this first period, Flamingo had con-centrated on carefully constructed attacking moves, all of which were thwarted by a rock-hard Eagles defence, with Juan Riquelme in goal having an outstanding game.

The Eagles, on the other hand, relied on the long ball out of defence, allowing their wingers space to run on to the clearance and cut inside to threaten the Flamingo goal.

So successful was this ploy that Saenz at the 31st minute and Cardone at the 44th were able to exploit gaping holes which opened in the Flamingo defence.

Flamingo stepped up its tempo in the second half, putting more and more pressure on the Eagles' back-line. The Eagles chance of taking an un-challenged clearance grew more and more rare, leaving their front runners starved of opportunity. Nevertheless, 25 minutes of the second half had gone before Flamingo was able to capitalise on its territorial superiority.

At the 70th minute Diolle pulled one back for the visitors and eight minutes later Kebede made it 2-all. The Eagles struck back almost immediately when, at the 80th minute Cardone took advantage of a rare through ball to cut in and blast his team back into the lead.

It was then that the floodgates opened, and at the 81st, 85th and 86th minutes Flamingo's Leroy Guillemin and Ash put the issue beyond doubt. It had been a game full of excitement and a demonstration of ex-cellent skills despite the heavy conditions. Flamingo thoroughly de-served its win, but the Eagles can be well pleased with the brave resistance they had sustained for so long.

The preceding Reserves match had been almost a mirror image, with Flamingo racing to a three-goal lead through Andrikopoulos, Leroy and Dantas, all within a space of 20 minutes.

Now it was the turn of the Eagles to strike, with Garcia (25th) and Diaz (27th) netting to give Flamingo a headache or two.

In the second half, the game developed into a stubborn midfield slog, with neither side able to gain a clear advantage. But at the 84th minute, Flamingo's Lablache seemed to settle the issue when he made it 4-2 for the visitors.

The Eagles were not to be out-done, and from the kick-off swept forward again with Padilla taking advantage of the smallest of gaps to push in his side's third goal. For the remaining few minutes it was all Springvale Eagles, but despite coming close on a couple of occasions the Latinos were unable to find the equaliser.

Meanwhile, over at Hampton Park, the Spiders, who have proved that they are not afraid of anyone, took on the joint leaders and set about their undoing with consummate artistery.

Man of the Match Clement Roussety was the power-house for Coomoora Spiders, and it was he who opened the scroing for the visitors.

At the 20th minute he was given the ball mid way between the centre line and Hampton Park goal, and capped off a blistering solo run with a power-aden shot which had "goal" written all over it from the moment it left his boot.

Fourteen minutes later Gerard Debaize made it

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DIVISION ONE MORNING

ALTONA ILINDEN 2 ANZ BANK 1 (2-5)
APOLLO UNITED 2 AUST. AIRL 2 (2-3)
FOOTSCRAY dN. 5 NORTHCOTE UTD 2 (4-0)
MIDDLE PARK 1 HIGHPOINT 2
MONTROSE 3 FIBREMAKERS UTD 0 (1-1)

DIV.1 MORNING	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
HIGHPOINT	12	11	0	1	32	6	22
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	12	8	2	2	32	14	18
ALTONA ILINDEN	11	8	1	2	23	9	17
MONTROSE	11	5	0	6	19	15	10
AUSTN AIRLINES	12	4	2	6	20	24	10
ANZ BANK	12	4	2	6	10	15	10
FIBREMAKERS UTD	11	4	2	5	16	23	10
APOLLO UNITED	10	4	1	5	25	27	9
NORTHCOTE UTD	12	2	0	10	18	38	4
MIDDLE PARK	11	1	2	8	11	35	4
DIV.1 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FOOTSCRAY UNITED	12	8	3	1	33	15	19
ANZ BANK	12	6	5	1	31	15	17
HIGHPOINT	11	5	5	1	25	7	15
AUSTN AIRLINES	12	5	5	2	27	17	15
MONTROSE	11	4	4	3	22	16	12
NORTHCOTE UTD	12	3	3	6	14	29	9
APOLLO UNITED	10	3	2	5	18	22	8
MIDDLE PARK	10	3	1	6	17	26	7
ALTONA ILINDEN	11	2	3	6	19	35	7
FIBREMAKERS UTD	11	0	3	8	9	33	3

DIVISION ONE AFTERNOON

Hampton P/U Coom. Spid. 4 (8-0)
Melb. Rum. 4 Wind. 4 (3-3)
Rowv. Un P Glenr Doxa U P
S'vale Eagles 3 Flamingo 5

DIV.1 AFTERNOON	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
WINDSOR	12	8	2	2	43	24	18
HAMPTON PARK UTD	12	7	3	2	32	18	17
COOMOORA SPIDERS	12	7	2	3	36	23	16
THOMASTOWN UTD	11	5	3	3	28	24	13
GLENROY DOXA UTD	11	5	3	3	24	23	13
MELB RUMANIA	11	5	2	4	33	25	12
FLAMINGO	12	3	5	4	28	32	11
ROWVILLE UNITED	10	1	2	7	21	31	4
YOUTH UNITED	10	1	2	7	25	42	4
S'VALE EAGLES	11	1	2	8	17	45	4
DIV.1 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
FLAMINGO	11	7	2	2	37	17	16
WINDSOR	11	7	2	2	25	15	16
HAMPTON PARK UTD	12	7	0	5	35	19	14
GLENROY DOXA UTD	10	6	1	3	21	12	13
MELB RUMANIA	11	6	1	4	32	27	13
S'VALE EAGLES	11	4	2	5	26	27	10
COOMOORA SPIDERS	12	4	1	7	29	38	9
ROWVILLE UNITED	10	4	0	6	23	22	8
THOMASTOWN UTD	9	2	0	7	13	42	4
YOUTH UNITED	9	1	1	7	19	41	3

DIVISION TWO MIXED

Melb. Pumas 2 Cret. Ath. 4
Leros Un. 2 Nth. X/S/H 0 (4-1)
Middle E 2 Harambee 0 (1-4)
S.B. Spurs 0 Tottenh 1 (0-W)
Swinburne 3 Oakl. C 1 (1-1)

DIV.2 MIXED	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
CRETAN ATHLETIC	12	10	0	2	44	18	20
TOTTENHAM	10	9	0	1	46	10	18
HARAMBEE	10	7	1	2	50	24	15
MIDDLE EAST	11	7	0	4	29	20	14
SWINBURNE	12	5	0	7	27	38	10
OAKLEIGH CITY	10	4	1	5	25	24	9
LEROS UNITED	11	3	0	8	22	43	6
S.B. SPURS	11	2	2	7	18	45	6
NTH X ST.HELENA	11	2	1	8	20	39	5
MELBOURNE PUMAS	10	1	3	6	16	36	5
DIV.2 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
TOTTENHAM	10	9	1	0	33	6	19
CRETAN ATHLETIC	10	7	1	2	25	11	15
OAKLEIGH CITY	10	7	0	3	33	20	14
HARAMBEE	10	6	2	2	20	18	14
SWINBURNE	12	6	1	5	30	31	13
LEROS UNITED	11	5	1	5	27	26	11
MIDDLE EAST	11	4	1	6	27	26	9
MELBOURNE PUMAS	9	3	1	5	17	16	7
NTH X ST.HELENA	11	1	1	9	12	45	3
S.B. SPURS	12	0	1	11	15	40	1

DIVISION TWO AFTERNOON

Oak. City B 2 Elw. Un 2 (1-7)
Nth. D/Sparr. A Berw. Un A (2-3)
Bend. Un. 1 Boys. ATA 4 (3-8)

DIV.2 AFTERNOON	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	12	9	3	0	50	19	21
FL'TON FLORIDIA	11	10	0	1	40	9	20
NTH DNG SPARROWS	11	7	2	2	30	16	16
BERWICK UNITED	11	6	1	4	24	14	13
ELWOOD UNITED	11	4	3	4	23	22	11
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	11	5	1	5	17	17	11
NTHN TIMORESE	10	5	1	4	26	27	11
DANDENONG UNITED	11	2	0	9	16	44	4
C.S.U.V.	11	1	0	10	11	45	2
OAK. CITY BAYS	11	0	1	10	11	35	1

DIV.2 RESERVES	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
ELWOOD UNITED	11	11	0	0	110	13	22
KBRO BLUE DANUBE	9	9	0	0	54	7	18
BAYSIDE A.T.A.	12	7	2	3	37	27	16
BERWICK UNITED	11	6	3	2	33	21	15
NTHN TIMORESE	10	5	0	5	21	40	10
DANDENONG UNITED	12	3	2	7	24	62	8
NTH DNG SPARROWS	12	3	1	8	23	50	7
OAK. CITY BAYS	11	2	2	7	26	49	6
C.S.U.V.	11	1	2	8	15	37	4
FL'TON FLORIDIA	11	2	0	9	13	50	4

DIVISION THREE EAST

Dallas Un 8 Laminex 0
Keeley Kings 4 Bow. 2
Kew Deaf 2 Westall P!PA 1
Prest. Tramw 4 Ess. Tramw 3
Taxation Un 2 Garden C)

DIV.3 EAST	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
DALLAS UNITED	12	11	0	1	60	13	22
LAMINEX	12	6	4	2	51	30	16
TAXATION UNITED	10	5	3	2	30	19	13
KEELEY KINGS	11	6	1	4	32	31	13
PRESTON TRAMWAYS	12	6	1	5	32	32	13
BOWATER	10	4	2	4	24	22	10
ESSENDON TRAMWAY	11	3	3	5	34	46	9
GARDEN CITY	12	2	4	6	19	33	8
WESTALL P.I.P.A.	10	2	1	7	23	42	5
KEW DEAF	12	1	1	10	22	59	3

DIVISION THREE WEST

Altona Heights 3 K.P. Heights 2
Ardeer 6 Sunbury 0
Nippondenso 1 Alt.Nth. Tarx. 3
Whittlesea 2 Keilor O/B 2

ST ALBANS DYNAMO	11	8	3	0	41	11	19
ALT NTH TARXIEN	11	9	1	1	32	6	19
ARDEER	12	8	3	1	32	12	19
KEILOR OLD BOYS	11	5	3	3	25	23	13
ST ALB WANDERERS	9	5	0	4	25	13	10
ALTONA HEIGHTS	12	4	1	7	17	27	9
WHITTLESEA	11	3	2	6	20	38	8
K PARK HEIGHTS	12	2	2	8	17	27	6
SUNBURY	11	1	3	7	9	26	5
NIPPONDENSO	12	2	0	10	17	52	4

DIVISION FOUR

Endeavour Un 0 Eltham/Valley 6
Epping Th. 4 Alex The Great 1
Sunsh. Un 0 Embassy Taxis 1

ELTHAM/D. VALLEY	12	8	2	2	44	13	18
EPPING THISTLE	11	7	2	2	31	16	16
SUNSHINE M'DONIA	9	7	0	2	27	12	14
ENDEAVOUR UNITED	10	6	1	3	26	21	13
ALEX THE GREAT	10	5	1	4	22	23	11
SUNSHINE UNITED	11	5	1	5	23	28	11
SALESIAN O.B.	10	3	1	6	17	31	7
DINGLEY UNITED	10	2	1	7	16	41	5
EMBASSY TAXIS	10	1	0	9	14	40	2

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THE BARKERS HAVE REGAINED THEIR BITE

AT the start of the 1984 season, the outlook for Mooroolbark Soccer Club had never seemed blacker.

The club that had played in the highest League in the land, the NSL had slumped in only five years to end the 1983 season in ninth place in the Metropolitan Fourth Division.

When the idea of a National League was first mooted by a group of Sydney clubs at a meeting in the St George clubrooms, the Victorian State League clubs decided to boycott the proposed new league.

But Mooroolbark United, as the club was then named, ignored the boycott and went ahead and joined and was quickly followed by South Melbourne, Footscray and Fitzroy Alexander.

Mooroolbark United finished bottom in the first year of the NSL in 1977, and was to be relegated, but the thorny problem for the VSF was where to put the club.

Some Board members, still harbouring resentment over the broken boycott were all for expelling the club, but eventually a compromise was reached, with Mooroolbark, without the United, playing in the Metropolitan League Second Division, where a place had been kept for the reserve teams of the four National League clubs.

It was relegated twice again, before the downhill slide was checked.

But in 1984, its fortunes changed with a reshuffle of the Victorian Leagues brought about when the National League was divided into two divisions.

After spending two years in Division Three, the Barkers won promotion to Division Two in 1986, and in 1987 climbed back to Division One.

Last season they were pipped for promotion to the State League, finishing in third place behind Frankston Pines and Altona Gate.

But this year they are well on course for the long-awaited return to the State League.

The thirteen years inbetween haven't been wasted altogether, there is a good spirit in the club now and the excellent clubrooms have been enlarged and improved, thanks mainly to club stalwarts like Dave Abram, who has been with Mooroolbark since he was a lad.

The Barkers Club is alive and swinging to Bill Yardley and his music machine every Friday night from 7.30 to 12 and Mooroolbark residents say that's the place to be on Fridays.

Another club stalwart, Geoff Phillips, who is always around the place doing some task or other met with an accident fixing the scoreboard prior to last week's game against Western Suburbs and as a consequence has lost two fingers.

Everyone in the club wishes Geoff a speedy recovery.

Please note that Saturday's game against Oakleigh has been moved to Middle Park Stadium, kicking off at 3 pm, much to the relief of the ball-players in the side.

MOOROOLBARK SOCCER CLUB 1989

● Back Row: Pat Bryden, Tom Bailey (President), Robbie Evans, John Beale, Steve Reid, Kees Storm, Les Long, John Scanlon, Grahame French, Paul Priestly, Ian Flawn, Dave Abram (Vice Pres.), Jed Joblin, Jurgen Studinsky.

● Front row: Jason Joblin, Andy Hart, Paul Cooke, Mick Turner, John Nyholt, Barry Burton, Greg House, Gary Hobson. Missing, Nick Lowe (Asst. Coach).

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MOOROOLBARK V WESTERN SUBURBS

● Top left: A timely interception robs Barry Burton.

● Mooroolbark player-coach Grahame French.

● Preston's Steve Smith's acrobatics were to no avail in this tense goalmouth scramble.

● Croatia's Paul Donnelly brings down Warren Spink perilously close to the penalty area.

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ROUND TWENTY-ONE DETAILS

ALTONA GATE 1 (Tortevski 34th) ST ALBANS 1 (Kupresak 7th).
At Paisley Reserve, Saturday. Referee E. Venios. Sent off Simovic (St.A)
ALTONA GATE: Lee — Micevski, Gagic, Markovski, Momirovski - Aslimovski (Ristovski 80th), Nicevski, Tortevski, Ilioski - Georgevski, McMullen. Coach Bill Murray.
ST ALBANS: Vunderl - Simovic, Bozic, Colina, Dragovic - Kuzman, Culina, Kupresak, Gagula - Morovic, Eres (Jurcic 70th). Coach Branko Culina.
Ansett best player award: Aslimovski (Alt) 3, Bozic (St.A) 2, Kupresak (St.A) 1.

MORWELL FALCONS 4 (Basara 3rd, Byrne 35th, Doyle, pen. 39th, Wright 44th) CAULFIELD CITY 1 (Deligiannis 87th).
At North Crinigan Reserve, Saturday. Referee J. Fraser.
MORWELL FALCONS: Reynolds - Bingham Byrne, Walsh (Nelson HT), Doyle - O'Donnell, McBride, Cassar - Manley, Basara, Wright (Warszawski 87th). Coach Bob McLachlan.
CAULFIELD CITY: Koletsos - Bitsonis (Rellos 60th), Dimovski, Fattore, Aretis - Zolotarev, Casali, Filipou, Liaskos - Pappas, Deligiannis. Coach Jim Condilis.
Ansett best player award: Bingham (M) 3, McBride (M) 2, Basara (M) 1.

BOX HILL 0 FRANKSTON PINES 2 (Watson, pen. 29th, Stirton 74th).
At Wembley Park, Sunday. Referee J. Santa Isabel.
BOX HILL: McKinlay - Thomas, Cooper, Davidson, Dimitrelis - Davis, McArthur, McLeod - Kennedy, Alexander (Hanley 60th), McAleer. Coach John Brown.
FRANKSTON PINES: Davies - McDonagh, Lipscombe, Weir, Buchanan - Miller, Ross, Watson - Dick, Gillard, Stirton. Coach Joe Sweeney.
Ansett best player award: Lipscombe (FP) 3, Dick (FP) 2, Cooper (BH) 1.

GREEN GULLY 2 (Daley 38th, 40th) BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 3 (Herd 2nd, McGrellis 23rd, o.g.)
At Gully Reserve, Sunday. Referee Z. Mnich. Caution McMillan (GG).
GREEN GULLY: Sant - Hogben, Pender, McLelland, Grimaud - Metaxas, Harrison, Wilson, Smart - McMillan (Elsey 70th), Daley. Coach Willie Vassallo.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Marrama - Della Rocca, Belic, Palleschi (Giadomenico HT), De Amicis - Lane, Herd (Egan 60th), Patterson, Minichiello - McGrellis, Glockner. Coach Manfred Schaefer.
Ansett best player award: Daley (GG) 3, McGrellis (J) 2, Pender (GG) 1.

MARIBYRNONG 0 CROYDON CITY 5 (McIntosh 41st, Dobson 44th, Scott 75th, Brimmer 80th, Roodhouse 85th)
At Raleigh Reserve, Sunday. Referee G. Blakey.
MARIBYRNONG: D'Antonio - Farrugia, Innes, Fleming, Pichner (Blicharz HT) - Nelson, Bonk, Belegrinos - Baran, Temos, Acevski. Coach Lesjik Djielkowski.
CROYDON CITY: Nobile - Brown, Dobson, McIntosh, Roodhouse - Brimmer, Quigley (Field 80th), van Egmond, G. Runje - Humble Cubitt 80th), Scott. Coach Ian Dobson.
Ansett best player award: McIntosh (C) 3, Dobson (C) 2, G. Runje (C) 3.

RINGWOOD CITY 2 (Corvan 6th, Maguire 52nd) NORTHCOTE CITY 1 (Cocker 80th)
At Jubilee Park, Sunday. Referee R. Simonis.
RINGWOOD CITY: Blackley - Verniers, Cumming, Nolan, Haupt - Prinsen, Muir, Maguire, Corvan - De Ridder, Wall. Coach Hans Petersen.
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia - Bekiaris, Palmaricciotti, Harris, N. Constantinou - Woodall, Pramos, Patiniotis, Burgess - Cocker, J. Constantinou. Coach Jimmy Pyrgolios.
Ansett best player award: Corvan (R) 3, Woodall (N) 2, Maguire (R) 1.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

CROYDON CITY	20	13	5	2	35	6	31
JUVENTUS	20	13	5	2	38	15	31
MORWELL F	21	11	7	3	39	16	29
ST ALBANS	21	10	7	4	25	16	27
Altona Gate	21	10	6	5	37	23	26
Northcote C	20	9	5	6	27	21	23
Caulfield C	21	9	5	7	33	30	23
Bulleen	21	7	6	8	18	22	20
Green Gully	20	8	3	9	27	24	19
Frankston P	21	6	6	9	25	33	18
Thomastown	21	5	8	8	18	28	18
Springv. C	21	4	7	10	16	22	15
Ringwood C	21	4	7	10	15	35	15
Fawkner	20	5	5	10	16	29	15
Box Hill	20	3	7	10	14	26	13
Maribyrnong	21	2	3	16	11	48	7

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES LADDER

Altona Gate	21	13	5	3	44	24	31
Juventus	19	12	6	1	51	18	30
Green Gully	19	10	5	4	50	28	25
St Albans	21	10	5	6	38	23	25
Caulfield City	20	10	4	6	38	33	24
Morwell Falcons	21	10	3	8	37	34	23
Bulleen	18	6	6	6	21	22	18
Ringwood C	19	6	6	7	28	33	18
Thomastown	19	7	4	8	21	30	18
Frankston P	19	8	0	11	31	41	16
Box Hill	19	5	5	9	26	40	15
Northcote City	16	0	2	8	23	35	14
Fawkner	19	5	3	11	24	31	13
Croydon C	19	3	7	9	24	35	13
Springv. City	20	4	5	10	16	32	13
Maribyrnong	20	2	8	10	24	37	12

THOMASTOWN 0 BULLEEN 1 (Livingstone, pen. 38th)
At Partridge Reserve, Sunday. Referee J. Fearn. Sent off Milosevic (B).
THOMASTOWN: Janakievski - De Propertis, Mihailidis, Hennessy, Mihos - Ragusa (Dougherty 75th), Di Martino, Athersych, Cristaldo - Carfora, Griffin. Coach Roberto Vieri.
BULLEEN: Riccioletti - Trgrlic, Krajacic, Curulli, Marsan - Milosevic, Manou, Livingstone, Ruccia - Lujic, O'Keefe. Coach Tony Vrzina.
Ansett best player award: Krajacic (B) 3, Marsan (B) 2, Manou (B) 1.

FAWKNER 1 (Emmanuelle 18th) SPRINGVALE CITY 2 (Webster 31st, Fourna 46th)
At Smith Reserve, Sunday. Referee D. Voutsinas. Sent off Bissinger. Cuations Soumalides (F), Armstrong (S).
FAWKNER: Terzini - Tubic, Cosentino, Schipano, Soulimedes - Falcone, Emmanuelle (Tabacco 70th), Sabatino - Hanna, Raynes, Campbell (Patricca 62nd). Coach John Colangeli.
SPRINGVALE CITY: Brian - Armstrong (Kral 89th), Bryden, Bissinger, Reilly - Findlay, Fourna, Keenan, Livingstone - Webster, Tuffield (Byrne 84th).
Coach Gus MacLeod. Ansett best player award: Webster (S) 3, Terzini (F) 2, Fourna (S) 1.

DEFERRED GAME

NORTHCOTY CITY 1 (Cocker 35th) BULLEEN 0
At John Cain Reserve, Wednesday, postponed from June 10. Referee B. Grant. Sent off Angele (B).
NORTHCOTE CITY: Turudia - Bekiaris, Harris, Palmaricciotti, N. Constantinou - Ramos (Patiniotis 80th), Woodall, Gymnopoulos (Tsangas 75th), Burgess - Cocker, J. Constantinou. Coach Jim Pyrgolios.
BULLEEN: Riccioletti - Trgrlic, Curulli, Angele, Marsan - Milosevic, Manou (Livingstone 44th), Avian (Dal Ben 75th), Ruccia - O'Keefe, Lujic. Coach Tony Vrzina.
Ansett best player award: Harris (N) 3, Bekiaris (N) 2, Palamaricciotto (N) 1.

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES RESULTS

MORWELL FALCONS 2 CAULFIELD C 1
ALTONA GATE 2 ST ALBANS 2
RINGWOOD CITY 2 NORTHCOTE C 0
GREEN GULLY 2 BRUNSWICK JUV. 2
BOX HILL 3 FRANKSTON PINES 2
MARIBYRNONG 1 CROYDON CITY 1
FAWKNER 1 SPRINGVALE CITY 2
THOMASTOWN 2 BULLEEN 2

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Leading goalscorers

16. Pappas (Caul)

13. Humble (Croy)
McMullen (Alt)

10. Morovic (St.A)
Basara (MF)

8. Egan (Juve)

7. Carfora (Thom)
Cocker (North)
Stirton (FP)
Watson (FP)
Wendall (North)
Wright (MF)

6. Hanna (Fawk)
Scott (Croy)
Daley (GG)
Tortevski (Alt)

5. Bonk (Mar,3p)
Deligiannis (Caul)
Dick (FP)
Gagula (St.A)
Georgevski (Alt)
Glockner (Juve)
Herd (Juve)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Metaxas (GG)

4. Emmanuelle (Fawk)
Eres (St.A)
Harrison (GG)
McBride (MF)
McIntosh (Croy)
van Egmond (Croy)
Webster (S'vale)

3. Athersych (Thom)
Bozikas (Bull)
Brimmer (Croy)
Byrne (MF)
Davie (Ring)
De Amicis (Juve)
Dobson (Croy)
Drakeford (Caul)
Harris (North)
Keenan (S'vale)
Kupresak (St.A)
McAleer (BH)
Maguire (Ring)
Nelson (Mar)
Raynes (Fawk)
Sokoluk (MF)
Theoharous (Caul)
Todorovski (Alt)
Tsangas (North)
Warszawski (MF)

2. Aretis (Caul)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Bryden (S'vale)
Campbell (BH)
Doyle (MF)
Egan (BH)
Farquharson (G.G)
Filipou (Caul)
Findlay (S'Vale)
Giaccherini (Juve)
Higgins (Thom)
Ilioski (Alt)
Kennedy (BH)

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23. van Egmond (Croy)
Kupresak (St.A)
22. Byrne (MF)
Pender (GG)
20. Drakeford (Caul)
19. Corvan (Ring)
18. Lane (Juve)
Harris (North)
Webster (S'vale)
17. Herd (Juve)
McMullen (Alt)
16. McIntosh (Croy)
Maguire (Ring)
15. Cooper (BH)
Dick (FP)
Krajacic (Bull)
Minichiello (Juve)
14. Brian (S'vale)
Lujic (Bull)
McMullen (Alt)
13. Humble (Croy)
12. Watson (FP)
11. Athersych (Thom)
Brown (Croy)
10. Byrne (Alt)
9. Bonk (Mar)
Bryden (S'vale)
O'Dell (Fawk)
8. Bozic (St.A)
Gagula (St.A)
Haupt (Ring)
Ilioski (Alt)
Morovic (St.A)
Nelson (MF)
Sokoluk (Caul)
Theoharous (Caul)
Tortevski (Alt)
7. Basara (MF)
Belic (Juve)
Bitsonis (Caul)
Carfora (Thom)
Culina (St.A)
Davies (FP)
Fattore (Caul)
Kouremenos (North)
McArthur (BH)
McKinlay (BH)
Nelson (Mar)
O'Donnell (MF)
Pappas (Caul)
Ristovski (Alt)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Terzini (Fawk)
6. Blackley (Ring)
Czapnik (Mar)
Daley (GG)
Dobson (Croy)
Harrison (GG)
Marsan (Bull)
Miller (FP)
Patiniotis (North)
Simovic (St.A)
Troqrlic (Bull)
5. Aslimovski (Alt)
Bingham (MF)
Burgess (North)
Cassar (MF)
D'Antonio (Mar)
Egan (Juve)
Higgins (Thom)
May (Ring)
Patterson (Juve)
Runje.G (Croy)
Sant (GG)
Schipano (Fawk)
Todorovski (Alt)
4. Adams (S'vale)
Babic (St.A)
Brimmer (Croy)
Campbell (Fawk)
Cocker (North)
Contini (Bull)
Cavanino (Fawk)
Davidson (FP)
Gyanopoulos (North)
Incantalupo (Bull)
Janakievski (Thom)
Kebakovski (Alt)
McLelland (GG)
Palmaricciotti (North
Ramos (North)
Reynolds (MF)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Turudia (North)
Wall (Ring)
Wilson (GG)
3. Bingham (MF)
Bissinger (S'vale)
Colina (St.A)
Constantinou.J (North)
Cutler (GG)
De Propertis (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Egan (BH)
Filipou (Caul)
Hanna (Fawk)
Hennessy (Thom)
Innes (Mar)
Keenan.S (FP)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Lipscombe (FP)
Manou (Bull)
Mihos (Thom)
Patricca (Fawk)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Ragusa (Thom)
Roccioletti (Bull)
Ross (FP)
Simovic (St.A)
Stirton (FP)
Wright (MF)

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CROYDON HAMMERS MARIBYRNONG

COACHING CHANGES AT FAWKNER, THOMASTOWN

by BRIAN JAMES

MAYBE it was a hint of spring in the air, coupled with that rarity, a sunny Sunday, but whatever the cause strikers enjoyed themselves last weekend and it rained goals, 25 of them to be precise in the eight State League games.

Croydon City led the way with five in a one-sided tussle with Maribyrnong in which Dave McIntosh was outstanding.

The win boosted Croydon's goal difference to a massive plus 29, a figure that is going to take some topping if the title race gets that close.

The only other point of note arising out of that mismatch is the fact that although five different Croydon players scored, its leading goalscorer, Andy Humble, who is breathing down Con Pappas' neck, didn't get on the score-sheet.

He didn't lose any ground, though, as Pappas' team itself was on the wrong end of a 4-1 hiding, courtesy of Morwell Falcons.

Falcons could have declared their innings closed at half-time and let Caulfield start the long journey home while it was still daylight, because they led 4-0 at the interval!

It was sweet revenge for Bobby McLachlan's men, because Caulfield was the first team to beat them and they had been itching for the return game ever since.

They had also been looking forward with interest to Kenny Drakeford's return, and were disappointed that he had made himself unavailable to play.

Whilst all this was going on, Brunswick Juventus, minus the injured Steve Marley and Mike Coady was busy beating Green Gully and must have thought the game was in the bag when it led 3-0 at half-time.

But Gully had other ideas and fought back in the second spell to make the game a real thriller, with Tommy Daley scoring two excellent goals.

So with Altona Gate and St Albans splitting the points at Paisley Reserve, where sad to say there was crowd violence again, the situation at the top remained the same, only more so, as the Irishman said.

Croydon and Juventus still lead the way, with a game in hand over their pursuers and separated by the six goals in Croydon's favour.

Morwell Falcons are two points and that game behind and you can forget the rest.

Whatever hope Northcote City might have entertained of catching the top two, when it had two games in hand, must have evaporated with that shock defeat at Ringwood last Sunday.

Northcote beat Bulleen 1-0 in that postponed game that the VSF managed to keep secret from the Press, by the way.

It looks odds-on now that fourth place in the League will be won by either St Albans or Altona Gate, and if it is the latter, it can look back on a first season in the State league with some satisfaction.

As its coach Branko Culina is always saying, St Albans' lack of depth is its biggest handicap.

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MOMENT OF TRUTH FOR FALCONS?

All of which brings us to the match of the day, Croydon's home clash with Morwell Falcons on Sunday.

Bobby McLachlan is an experienced campaigner who likes to play his cards close to his chest and he staunchly asserts that this is just another game.

But in his heart of hearts he knows that a lot hinges on this meeting.

If Croydon wins it, it will skip away to a four-point lead with a game in hand, and with only eight rounds remaining, the leeway might be too much to make up.

On the other hand, of course, a Falcons win would really open up the race, bringing them level with Croydon on points and set up another intriguing tussle in the following round, when they meet Brunswick Juventus at home.

In their first clash this year at Morwell, Falcons and Croydon shared the points, with Jim McBride grabbing a goal two minutes from time after Bob McLachlan had switched him up front.

Let's hope for the sake of Bobby's finger-nails that it doesn't get that close on Sunday.

Memo to Falcons' team manager; for goodness sake, take the right shirts this time, Bobby hates green!

Whilst Croydon and Falcons are slugging it out in the East, Juventus will be over in the West, hoping to fatten its goal difference at the expense of doomed Maribyrnong.

I stress hoping, because Juve coach Manfred Schaefer is another realist who doesn't count his chickens and although this looks like an away banker on paper, some times these certainties can come unstuck.

But Schaefer will no doubt be drumming into his players' heads the fact that Croydon leads by six goals and if there ever was a chance to close that gap, this is it.

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VIERI TAKES OVER THOMASTOWN

Former Marconi great (as a player), Robert Vieri has taken over at Thomastown.

After a distinguished playing career with Marconi, Vieri became assistant coach there under Les Scheinflug in 1986.

When Les Scheinflug left to take over Blacktown City at the end of the 1986 season, Vieri took his place as senior coach, but was ousted when Berti Mariani retired from playing and took over for the 1988 season.

At least now that the club has an Italian coach, that player who spat the dummy when Frank McAleer dropped him for the Juventus game should be happy.

● Roberto Vieri — Thomastown's new coach.

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SPRINGVALE MARCHES ON

Have you been watching Springvale's progress lately?

The club's record since the turn of the season has been nothing short of remarkable.

After 15 rounds the Vales were second bottom with a meagre 7 points.

But in the six games since they have garnered 8 points out of twelve and hoisted themselves into a respectable 12th spot.

It's always good to see a committee's faith in their coach justified.

Tolling Box Hill has now taken over Springvale's previous role as favourite for the drop along with Maribyrnong, but maybe if the Stalface Plan comes about, there won't be any relegation, only a re-location, which doesn't sound so bad.

Anyway, there is some light at theend of the tunnel for Box Hill in the shape of visa player Archie McGeachey from Scottish First Division club Morton who should arrive this week.

Coach John Brown says if he arrives before Sunday, he'll play against Thomastown.

McGeachey has several first-team appearances for Morton to his credit, but despite being freed, had some difficulty getting away because Morton became a little demanding in the finish.

This weekend's games, likely winners in capitals.

SATURDAY: Bulleen v **GREEN GULLY** at Veneto Club, **ST ALBANS** v Fawkner at Churchill Reserve, Caulfield City v Ringwood City (draw) at Princes Park, Northcote City v Altona Gate at John Cain Reserve.

SUNDAY: Frankston Pines v Springvale City (draw) at Monterey Reserve, Maribyrnong v **BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS** at Raleigh Reserve, Croydon City v Morwell Falcons (draw) at Town Park, Box Hill v Thomastown (draw) at Wembley Park.

● Cedo Cirkevic — Fawkner's new coach.

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VICTORIAN LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Dove'n	1	V	Oakl'h 1
W'bee	0	V	S'ham 0
B'mead	1	V	E'don 1
Albion	1	V	W'gte 0
Mord	2	V	D'nong 2
W'mad		V	Knox
M'bark	2	V	W.Subs 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bark	15	9	4	2	24	9	22
S'ham	17	8	5	4	24	15	21
Albion	16	7	7	2	19	11	21
Knox	15	9	1	5	25	21	19
Oakl'h	15	6	5	4	21	14	17
E'don	17	6	5	6	17	21	17
Mord	16	4	8	4	20	19	16
W'mad	14	6	3	5	25	19	15
W'bee	16	6	3	7	15	19	15
W'gte	15	5	4	6	14	17	14
W.Subs	16	4	6	6	12	19	14
Dove'n	17	6	2	9	21	29	14
B'mead	17	4	5	8	16	20	13
D'nong	16	1	2	13	12	32	4

RESERVES

Dove'n	1	V	Oakl'h 1
W'bee	2	V	S'ham 3
B'mead	0	V	E'don 0
Albion	3	V	W'gte 0
Mord	4	V	D'nong 2
W'mad		V	Knox
M'bark	3	V	W.Subs 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Albion	15	11	1	3	29	16	23
M'bark	16	9	3	4	35	19	21
Dove'n	15	7	5	3	21	15	19
Knox	13	7	4	2	32	15	18
W'mad	15	8	2	5	27	20	18
B'mead	15	6	4	5	25	21	16
S'ham	15	5	4	6	36	30	14
E'don	15	6	1	8	19	21	13
D'nong	16	5	3	8	17	20	13
Mord	15	5	3	7	30	41	13
M.Subs	15	6	1	8	15	33	13
Oakl'h	15	2	8	5	25	24	12
W'gte	13	4	0	9	18	38	8
W'bee	15	3	1	11	17	33	7

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

N.Geel	2	V	Y'ville 0
S'bury	0	V	R'wood 1
Coburg	1	V	Keilor 1
C'ton H	2	V	Wav.C 1
Don Rv	0	V	Geel 1
Pt Mel	2	V	B'ton 0
R'mond	1	V	H'berg 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N.Geel	17	10	3	4	36	19	23
Pt Mel	16	10	3	3	32	21	23
Keilor	17	10	3	4	27	16	23
Geel	17	9	3	5	25	23	21
B'ton	16	7	5	4	24	19	19
R'mond	16	9	1	6	30	26	19
R'wood	16	7	5	4	27	24	19
Wav.C	17	6	3	8	28	26	15
Coburg	15	5	5	5	22	21	15
C'ton H	16	6	3	7	22	22	15
Don Rv	17	4	6	7	13	19	14
S'bury	16	4	3	9	17	27	11
H'berg	16	3	1	12	20	36	7
Y'ville	16	1	2	13	8	32	4

RESERVES

N.Geel	9	V	Y'ville 1
S'bury	2	V	R'wood 1
Coburg		V	Keilor
C'ton H		V	Wav.C
Don Rv	4	V	Geel 0
Pt Mel	0	V	B'ton 1
R'mond	2	V	H'berg 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B'ton	14	12	1	1	35	9	25
C'ton H	14	10	2	2	38	15	22
N.Geel	16	10	1	5	45	26	21
Keilor	12	9	1	2	27	16	19
Don Rv	14	7	1	6	37	24	15
Pt Mel	14	7	1	6	32	20	15
R'mond	15	7	0	8	39	36	14
R'mond	15	5	3	7	26	43	13
Wav.C	14	6	0	8	25	26	12
Geel	13	4	2	7	27	29	10
H'berg	15	3	4	8	22	31	10
S'bury	17	4	2	11	28	39	10
Y'ville	14	4	0	10	19	50	8
Coburg	13	2	2	9	14	42	6

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

B'ford	2	V	M'ton 0
Lalor	2	V	Elt/D.V 0
H'thon	1	V	Holl Pk 3
Y'ourn	0	V	S'vale 2
C'inda	2	V	C'ssa 1
M'bin	0	V	Bell Pk 6
C/Geel	3	V	Altona 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bell Pk	17	14	2	1	45	9	30
C'ssa	17	9	5	3	34	19	23
C/geel	17	9	5	3	26	12	23
S'ford	17	8	4	5	34	18	20
Holl Pk	17	9	1	7	34	23	19
Elt/d.V	17	7	5	5	24	20	19
M'ton	17	7	5	5	20	18	19
C'inda	17	5	6	6	23	29	16
M'bin	17	6	4	7	20	26	16
Lalor	16	6	3	7	18	31	15
S'vale	17	3	5	9	16	30	11
Y'ourn	17	3	5	9	15	32	11
H'thon	16	2	4	10	20	31	8
Altona	17	2	2	13	19	50	6

RESEVES

S'ford	1	V	M'ton 2
Lalor	0	V	Elt/D.V 4
H'thorn	1	V	Holl Pk 3
Y'ourn	1	V	S'vale 5
C'inda	2	V	C'ssa 1
M'bin	2	V	Bell Pk 2
C/Geel	4	V	Altona 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M'bin	15	10	3	2	51	17	23
Elt/d.V	14	11	1	2	40	17	23
S'ford	17	10	2	5	42	19	22
Bell Pk	16	9	3	4	27	19	21
S'vale	15	8	2	5	34	26	18
C'inda	16	8	2	6	37	38	18
Altona	17	7	3	7	30	28	17
C'ssa	15	8	0	7	34	30	16
Holl Pk	15	6	2	7	29	36	14
Lalor	16	4	5	7	24	30	13
C/geel	16	5	1	10	30	34	11
H'thorn	15	4	3	8	20	31	11
M'ton	17	4	2	11	18	38	10
Y'ourn	16	1	1	14	12	65	3

LEAGUE 4

FIRSTS

FTGully	2	V	K'ingal 0
Haslyn	2	V	W'town 1
R'anna	0	V	Keysbro 2
Brun/Iv	2	V	Regent 0
P'vale	1	V	Boronia 0
L'warr	2	V	Bent 2
Cl'ton	7	V	More.Pk 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	17	12	3	2	50	23	27
Bent	17	11	5	1	42	18	27
Haslyn	16	10	3	3	39	23	23
Brun/Iv	17	8	6	3	26	13	22
Regent	17	7	4	6	20	16	18
L'warr	16	6	5	5	23	18	17
K'ingal	17	7	2	8	26	23	16
P'vale	17	5	5	7	14	26	15
More.Pk	17	6	2	9	27	35	14
R'anna	16	5	4	7	22	34	14
FTgully	17	4	4	9	15	26	12
Keysbro	17	3	5	9	16	28	11
W'town	17	2	5	10	16	34	9
Boronia	16	2	5	9	12	31	9

RESERVES

FTGully	2	V	K'ingal 1
Haslyn	3	V	W'town 0
R'anna	1	V	Keysbro 0
Brun/Iv	2	V	Regent 2
P'vale		V	Boronia
L'warr	3	V	Bent 1
Cl'ton	0	V	More.Pk 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Cl'ton	16	11	2	3	26	17	24
Brun/Iv	17	8	5	4	34	20	21
L'warr	16	8	5	3	31	20	21
Bent	16	6	6	4	37	32	18
Regent	15	5	6	4	26	25	16
More.Pk	15	5	5	5	24	22	15
Keysbro	17	6	3	8	27	33	15
K'ingal	15	6	2	7	22	19	14
R'anna	16	5	4	7	24	30	14
W'town	17	6	2	9	25	35	14
Haslyn	14	6	1	7	25	22	13
FTgully	16	5	3	8	23	25	13
Boronia	14	4	3	7	17	24	11
P'vale	14	4	1	9	17	34	9

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Prahran	1	V	W Vale 1
Mossf'	3	V	B'wick 0
Melton	2	V	N.Sun 0
Oak.Sub	5	V	E Geel 2
S Yarra	1	V	Malvern 3
W Mead	0	V	S'vale 1
Berwick	5	V	Wav'ly 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'vale	16	13	3	0	34	10	29
Prahran	17	9	7	1	41	26	25
Berwick	16	11	0	5	36	21	22
W Vale	16	8	4	4	27	18	20
W Mead	15	9	1	5	29	23	19
Oak.Sub	15	7	4	4	31	25	18
N.Sun	15	8	1	6	36	25	17
Mossf'	17	6	3	8	24	24	15
Melton	17	5	5	7	27	29	15
Malvern	15	5	3	7	29	28	13
B'wick	15	4	4	7	18	25	12
Wav'ly	16	3	1	12	18	40	7
E Geel	15	2	2	11	19	40	6
S Yarra	17	1	2	14	13	39	4

RESERVES

Prahran	1	V	W Vale 0
Mossf'	4	V	B'wick 1
Melton	1	V	N.Sun 3
Oak.Sub	2	V	E Geel 1
S Yarra	0	V	Malvern 1
W Mead		V	S'vale
Berwick	6	V	Wav'ly 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Prahran	17	12	2	3	48	14	26
Malvern	15	10	2	3	39	28	22
N.Sun	13	10	1	2	37	14	21
S'vale	13	8	2	3	22	15	18
W Mead	13	8	2	3	28	23	18
Melton	17	6	5	6	25	20	17
W Vale	14	5	4	5	21	17	14
Mossf'	17	5	4	8	33	36	14
Berwick	15	4	5	6	21	29	13
B'wick	14	4	4	6	19	27	12
S Yarra	15	3	3	7	23	32	11
E Geel	15	2	4	9	20	34	8
Wav'ly	16	3	2	11	19	47	8
Oak.Sub	14	2	2	10	11	30	6

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

F'kston	0	V	Port Un 1
Lalor	0	V	Br'tons 1
Ascot	8	V	Glenroy 1
S Dandy	2	V	F.Hill 1
Ball't	0	V	Cranb'n 3
Altona Eas	7	V	Monash 0
Uni Melb	0	V	S S'vale 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S S'val	17	10	6	1	34	12	26
Altona	17	12	2	3	34	20	26
F.Hill	17	10	5	2	40	17	25
Cranb'n	17	8	6	3	33	18	22
S Dandy	16	9	2	5	40	25	20
Ascot	16	7	6	3	31	17	20
Br'tons	16	7	5	4	29	17	19
Uni Mel	17	5	6	6	19	25	16
Port Un	17	5	4	8	23	35	14
Ball't	17	4	4	9	19	35	12
Glenroy	17	4	2	11	21	41	10
F'kston	17	1	7	9	14	31	9
Lalor	16	1	6	9	17	34	8
Monash	17	2	3	12	12	39	7

RESERVES

F'kston	3	V	Port Un 2
Lalor	4	V	Br'tons 2
Ascot	3	V	Glenroy 6
S Dandy	1	V	F.Hill 1
Ball't	1	V	Cranb'n 1
Altona Eas	0	V	Monash 0
Uni Melb	2	V	S S'vale 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Uni Mel	17	12	2	3	41	16	26
Altona	16	8	7	1	32	19	23
S Dandy	14	8	3	3	32	17	19
Ascot	16	8	3	5	34	24	19
F'kston	17	8	2	7	28	27	18
F.Hill	16	7	4	5	28	28	18
Ball't	17	6	5	6	28	19	17
Lalor	15	6	3	6	34	29	15
Glenroy	16	7	1	8	32	38	15
Cranb'n	16	3	8	5	18	26	14
S S'val	16	5	3	8	19	26	13
Monash	15	2	4	9	13	29	8
Br'tons	16	3	2	11	18	39	8
Port Un	13	2	3	8	17	37	7

LEAGUE 3

FIRSTS

Mitchan		V	Altona
Nth Clayto	1	V	Lyndale 2
Brandon	1	V	Carrum 1
Kew	3	V	R'dale 1
Bataan	2	V	Ringw'd 2
Med.Pk.		V	Monbulk
W'tirna	0	V	Fitzroy 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fitzroy	17	11	4	2	32	19	26
Lyndale	16	12	1	3	40	19	25
Brandon	16	9	4	3	27	16	22
Kew	17	8	6	3	25	18	22
Med.Pk.	15	7	4	4	23	21	18
W'tirna	17	6	5	6	39	26	17
Altona	16	6	4	6	14	17	16
Mitchan	16	7	2	7	31	36	16
Ringw'd	16	2	9	5	22	27	13
Monbulk	16	3	6	7	14	15	12
Carrum	15	3	6	6	20	23	12
Bataan	16	2	8	6	25	29	12
R'dale	15	2	4	9	20	41	8
Nth Cla	16	1	3	12	16	41	5

RESERVES

Mitchan		V	Altona
N.Clayton		V	Lyndale
Brandon	8	V	Carrum 1
Kew	2	V	R'dale 4
Bataan	2	V	Ringw'd 1
Med.Pk.		V	Monbulk
W'tirna		V	Fitzroy

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lyndale	16	11	1	4	55	29	23
Monbulk	16	10	3	3	38	21	23
Bataan	15	10	2	3	43	26	22
W'tirna	14	10	1	3	41	22	21
Kew	17	8	5	4	42	25	21
Brandon	15	8	4	3	38	17	20
R'dale	16	8	3	5	33	27	19
Altona	16	6	2	8	34	44	14
Med.Pk.	13	6	1	6	35	32	13
Mitchan	15	4	3	8	23	31	11
Carrum	15	4	2	9	36	53	10
Fitzroy	14	2	1	11	24	57	5
Ringw'd	15	2	0	13	17	43	4
N.Clayt	13	2	0	11	13	46	4

AMATEUR LEAGUE 1

FIRSTS

Phillip		V	Nav.Nand
H'thorn	3	V	North U 1
Oak U	0	V	Diggers 0
Coll'wd	2	V	Balwyn 3
Bye		V	E Rich
Keilor	4	V	L'robe 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
E Rich	14	12	1	1	45	17	25
H'thorn	15	11	3	1	46	21	25
Oak U	16	5	8	3	34	34	18
Balwyn	13	7	3	3	43	28	17
Nav.Nan	14	7	3	4	37	25	17
Phillip	13	4	5	4	20	24	13
Diggers	14	4	4	6	26	26	12
Coll'wd	15	4	3	8	21	30	11
North U	14	3	3	8	14	31	9
Keilor	15	2	2	11	18	45	6
L'robe	15	0	5	10	23	46	5
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESERVES

Phillip	2	V	Nav.Nand 3
H'thon		V	North U
Oak U	2	V	Diggers 2
Coll'wd	5	V	Balwyn 2
Bye		V	E Rich
Keilor	2	V	L'robe U 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Coll'wd	13	10	1	2	50	22	21
Nav.Nan	14	9	2	3	32	18	20
E Rich	14	8	3	3	56	40	19
Balwyn	13	9	1	3	39	27	19
Phillip	13	5	5	3	25	19	15
L'robe	15	7	0	8	39	42	14
Diggers	14	4	4	6	34	37	12
North U	13	3	5	5	17	29	11
Oak U	14	3	3	8	30	41	9
Keilor	15	2	2	11	30	58	6
Bye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LEAGUE 2

FIRSTS

D.Valley	2	V	Upfield 2
C'well G	4	V	E.Hills 2
C'corde	2	V	I'city 2
R.M.I.T.	1	V	Mel.Uni 5
Furlan	1	V	O Scots 5
Maccabi	1	V	Yarra U 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarra U	17	13	1	3	69	30	27
O Scots	16	12	2	2	65	22	26
Mel.Uni	16	12	1	3	54	14	25
C'well	16	12	0	4	70	32	24
Upfield	16	9	4	3	58	28	22
D.Valle	16	4	7	5	28	26	15
Furlan	16	5	4	7	32	38	14
E.Hills	16	5	3	8	38	40	13
Maccabi	15	4	3	8	34	45	11
R.M.I.T	16	3	4	9	34	54	10
I'city	17	2	2	13	16	45	6
C'corde	17	0	1	16	13	137	1

RESERVES

D.Valley	3	V	Upfield 1
C'well G	0	V	E.Hills 0
C'corde	0	V	I'city 8
R.M.I.T.	3	V	Mel.Uni 4
Furlan	1	V	O Scots 2
Maccabi	1	V	Yarra U 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C'well	17	11	4	2	36	16	26
E.Hills	16	10	4	2	37	22	24
O Scots	15	9	4	2	38	18	22
Furlan	17	9	2	6	38	27	20
Mel.Uni	16	8	3	5	41	23	19
Upfield	14	8	1	5	31	25	17
I'city	15	7	2	6	38	16	16
Yarra U	11	6	2	3	37	22	14
D.Valle	15	5	2	8	29	31	12
Maccabi	16	3	0	13	30	59	6
R.M.I.T	14	1	0	13	15	53	2
C'corde	12	0	0	12	4	87	0

UNDER 11

CENTRAL

C.FIELD	4	V	E.BENT 0
MORDI B	0	V	E.RICH 8
G.LEIGH SU		V	BYE
B.MARIS	0	V	MORDI 0
ELWOOD	2	V	MEL CITY 2
CONDORS	1	V	CLAYTON 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
B.maris	11	9	2	0	77	8	20
Clayton	11	7	3	1	56	13	17
Mordi	10	7	2	1	48	3	16
E.rich	11	5	4	2	46	9	14
C.field	10	6	1	3	21	15	13
Condors	11	5	2	4	38	24	12
Mel Cty	10	4	2	4	48	25	10
Elwood	11	3	2	6	33	50	8
E.bent	11	2	0	9	16	62	4
G.leigh	9	1	0	8	3	72	2
Mordi B	11	0	0	11	1	106	0

EASTERN A

F. HILL	3	V	W'ley.Cty 0
B.Hill	0	V	Donc.R 3
W'ley.U	10	V	Cla'nda 0
Bulleen	1	V	S'vale4 4
Knox.A	2	V	Dr'don.C 2
Nuna.C	1	V	Mitchan 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S'valea	11	10	0	1	83	7	20
Knox.A	12	9	1	2	81	11	19
Dr'don.	11	9	1	1	62	12	19
W'ley.U	12	9	0	3	60	14	18
F. Hill	12	6	1	5	30	24	13
Bulleen	11	6	0	5	39	18	12
Mitchan	11	5	1	5	37	22	11
Donc.R	11	4	1	6	22	48	9
W'ley.C	12	3	1	8	16	64	7
Nuna.C	11	1	1	9	16	81	3
Cla'nda	12	1	1	10	4	74	3

EASTERN B

BRI,TON	0	V	OAKLEIGH 5
S,VALE CTY	1	V	M,BARK 5
H,TON PK	2	V	ELTHAM 0
BORONIA	0	V	S,BROOK 0
KNOX CTY B	3	V	B,DON PK 0
G/W.LEY	5	V	KNOX CTY C 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M,bark	12	10	1	1	57	4	21
G/w.Ley	12	9	2	1	49	11	20
H,ton P	11	8	0	3	49	14	16
Oakleig	11	6	3	2	36	13	15
Eltham	12	7	1	4	23	15	15
Knox Ct	11	5	3	3	34	11	13
S,vale	12	5	2	5	29	32	12
B,don P	11	3	4	4	17	18	10
Boronia	12	3	3	6	13	39	9
Knox Ct	11	1	2	8	9	52	4
S,brook	11	1	1	9	7	39	3
Bri,ton	12	0	0	12	7	78	0

NORTHERN

FAWKNER	1	V	MALVERN 0
LALOR UTD		V	BYE
B.U.JUVE	1	V	PRESTON A 0
T,TOWN	5	V	H,BERG UTD 0
LALOR	0	V	MEL,CROATI 8
N,COLL UTD	4	V	N,COTE CTY 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	10	9	1	0	36	1	19
T.town	11	8	2	1	34	8	18
B.U.Juv	11	7	4	0	24	4	18
Lalor U	9	5	4	0	15	6	14
Mel.cro	10	3	3	4	29	17	9
Malvern	11	3	2	6	14	26	8
N.coll	10	3	1	6	14	22	7
Lalor	10	2	3	5	5	25	7
N.cote	11	2	0	8	17	27	6
Preston	10	2	1	7	12	21	5
H.berg	11	1	1	9	5	30	3

NTH/WEST A

SUNBURY	0	V	WEST SUBS 5
SYD,PARK	2	V	RESERVE 2
BYE		V	ESS,DON
BYE		V	MEL,PARK
E/BUNDYONG	1	V	WEST,GATE 7
WTN,REE	8	V	N,BERG B 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth,res	10	10	0	0	80	3	20
West Su	10	8	1	1	71	6	17
Ess,don	9	7	0	2	59	10	14
Regent	10	6	1	3	26	24	13
Syd,par	10	4	3	3	17	15	11
Mel,par	8	3	1	4	19	19	7
Sunbury	10	2	0	7	12	30	6
Wes,gat	10	2	1	7	14	34	5
E/bund	10	1	0	9	8	71	2
H,berg	9	0	1	8	0	82	1

NTH/WEST B

G,GULLY	5	V	M,MEDE 0
LALOR UTD	3	V	ALTONA EAS 0
PRESTON B	0	V	WESTVALE 0
Y,VILLE B	0	V	SUN,PARK 6
R,ANNA	0	V	KEON PARK 2
MACCABI	10	V	N,COTE CTY 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Sun,par	10	10	0	0	56	3	20
Keon Pa	11	9	1	1	32	4	19
M,meds	12	8	2	2	30	13	18
Westval	11	7	2	1	56	5	17
Maccabi	12	6	3	3	42	16	15
R,anna	11	5	1

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C,field	12	10	1	1	58	11	21
P,ula	11	10	0	1	57	5	20
Clayton	11	9	0	2	33	11	18
Nuna Ct	11	7	0	4	27	19	14
B,aaris	12	6	1	5	36	23	13
Brighto	12	4	3	5	19	25	11
L,warn	12	2	6	4	10	14	10
E,bent	12	4	1	7	22	47	9
E,rich	11	2	4	5	11	21	8
Baxter	12	2	2	8	6	37	6
Glen Ma	11	1	3	7	9	38	5
D,nong	11	1	1	9	11	48	3

CEN/PEN B

CONDORS	5	V	KARINGAL 0
SAN,HAM	0	V	M,TON 0
C,BOURNE	3	V	B,GREENS 1
MITCHAM B	5	V	SEAFORD B 0
ELWOOD	9	V	CHELSEA 0
BERWICK B	0	V	OB,VALE 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
C,bourn	12	12	0	0	35	8	24
Elwood	12	10	0	2	82	7	20
Condors	12	9	1	2	56	14	19
Mitcham	12	7	2	3	45	14	16
Seaford	12	7	1	4	38	26	15
Se,vale	12	5	2	5	27	17	12
B,green	12	4	4	4	14	14	12
Chelsea	12	3	2	7	22	38	8
Berwick	12	2	3	7	13	43	7
San,ham	12	2	3	7	13	45	7
Karinga	12	1	1	10	4	59	3
M,ton	12	0	1	11	3	67	1

EASTERN A

F,HILL	5	V	MONBULK 1
SEAFORD A	6	V	D,ROVERS 0
WAV,UTD	2	V	CLARINDA 2
M,BARK	1	V	S,VALE CTY 2
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BERWICK A	0	V	MITCHAM A 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	11	11	0	0	46	11	22
Mitchae	11	8	2	1	42	4	18
F,hill	11	8	2	1	37	9	18
S,vale	11	7	1	3	26	12	15
F,ston	12	5	4	3	17	10	14
Berwick	12	4	4	4	20	14	12
Doveton	12	4	4	4	19	17	12
Clarind	12	5	2	5	19	22	12
Wav,utd	11	3	2	6	17	23	8
D,rover	11	1	1	9	8	37	3
M,bark	10	0	0	10	4	42	0
Monbulk	10	0	0	10	5	59	0

NORTHERN A

M,MED	6	V	MALVERN 1
FAWKNER	1	V	REGENT 1
LALOR	1	V	B,U.JUVE 0
T,TOWN	1	V	H,BERG UTD 0
BULLEEN	3	V	PRESTON 0
N,RES		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor	11	9	1	1	24	7	19
Regent	11	5	5	1	30	12	15
N,res	10	6	3	1	21	13	15
Bulleen	11	5	4	2	14	7	14
T,town	11	4	4	3	15	13	12
H,berg	11	4	3	4	11	11	11
M,med	11	3	3	5	16	13	9
Fawkner	11	3	2	6	17	24	8
Preston	11	2	4	5	9	16	8
B,U.Juv	11	2	3	6	10	12	7
Malvern	11	0	2	9	6	45	2

NORTHERN B

LALOR UTD	2	V	ESS,DON 0
BYE		V	KEON PK
DIAMONDS	3	V	ELTHAM 2
BYE		V	G,WOOD
PT,MELB	3	V	M,CROATIA 2
E,BRUN/DAN	2	V	N,COTE CITY 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Lalor U	9	9	0	0	40	4	18
M,croat	10	5	3	2	40	9	13
Pt,melb	10	5	2	3	20	20	12
Esw,don	9	5	1	3	21	12	11
E,brun/	9	4	3	2	15	11	11
N,cote	10	4	1	5	19	21	9
Bundoor	8	3	1	4	16	32	7
Keon Pk	9	3	0	6	17	31	6
Eltham	11	1	3	7	17	39	5
G,boro	9	1	2	6	9	29	4

WESTERN A

BYE		V	H/PK/ASTY
ALTONA CITY	4	V	E,ALTONA 0
KEILOR	0	V	N,GEE 8
ST ALBANS		V	BYE
SUN,NTS	3	V	MELTON 0
SUN PARK		V	BYE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
N,gee	8	6	1	1	25	5	13
Sun,hts	7	6	0	1	19	2	12
St Alba	6	4	1	1	16	4	9
Sun Par	6	4	1	1	14	6	9
Altona	7	3	1	3	16	18	7
Melton	7	2	1	4	2	8	5
E,alton	8	2	0	6	6	24	4
Keilor	8	1	0	7	4	24	2
H/pk/as	5	0	1	4	2	13	1

WESTERN B

BRIMBNK		V	M,SUBS
BYE		V	BYE
MELB CITY		V	NTH,SUN
ALTONA GAT		V	GEORGE X
W,VALE		V	BYE
SYD PARK		V	ALBION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth,sun	4	4	0	0	10	0	8
Altona	5	4	0	1	14	5	8
Melb Ct	4	3	0	1	6	4	6
M,vale	4	2	0	2	16	4	4
W,sube	4	2	0	2	6	7	4
George	4	1	1	2	6	8	3
Albion	4	1	1	2	4	19	3
Brinton	4	0	2	2	1	6	2
Syd Par	5	0	0	5	5	15	0

UNDER 13

EASTERN A

CROYDON	0	V	WAV/LEY CT 2
L,WARN	0	V	E/RICH 6
C,BOURNE	0	V	CLARINDA 1
M/BARK	1	V	LYNDALE 5
SEAFORD	0	V	DONC.R 9
B,MARIS	0	V	BENT GR 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bent Gr	12	9	3	0	45	6	21
Clarind	12	9	2	1	37	10	20
Lyndale	12	7	3	2	29	12	17
B,aaris	12	6	4	2	53	18	16
E/rich	11	7	2	2	30	13	16
Donc.R	12	6	3	3	32	13	15
Wav/ley	11	5	1	5	26	25	11
C,bourn	11	1	4	6	5	20	6
Seaford	12	3	0	9	15	58	6
L,warn	11	2	0	9	14	42	4
M/bark	11	1	2	8	10	41	4
Croydon	11	1	0	10	11	49	2

EASTERN B

F,HILL	2	V	E,BENT 3
SANDY	2	V	M,TON 1
HAMPTON	3	V	SS/VALE 4
WAV,UTD	3	V	MORDI 5
MONBULK	3	V	HASTINGS 0
BYE		V	R,WOOD CTY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Mordi	11	8	3	0	67	6	19
E,bent	11	9	1	1	58	9	19
Wav,utd	11	8	1	2	58	13	17
Ss/vale	11	5	3	3	25	15	13
Hampton	11	6	0	5	45	34	12
R,wood	10	4	3	3	26	27	11
F,hill	10	3	2	5	22	26	8
M,ton	12	3	1	8	21	38	7
Sandy	10	3	0	7	17	47	6
Monbulk	11	2	1	8	13	52	5
Hastings	11	0	2	9	4	87	2

NTH/WEST A

BYE		V	WEST.SUBS
ALT.CY	0	V	REGENT 2
BRUN.CY		V	LALOR UTD
ALT.GATE	7	V	LALOR 0
NTH.SUN	0	V	MELB.CROAT 0
FAWKNER	3	V	N'COTE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Fawkner	10	7	3	0	39	7	17
Alt.Gat	10	6	3	1	20	8	15
West.Su	9	7	0	2	32	11	14
Regent	9	6	2	1	22	7	14
Alt.Cy	11	6	1	4	26	18	13
Melb.Cr	10	5	1	4	30	13	11
Nth.Sun	9	2	2	5	11	20	6
N'cote	9	2	2	5	11	25	6
Lalor U	8	2	0	6	13	18	4
Brun.Cy	9	1	1	7	5	40	3
Lalor	10	0	1	9	4	51	1

NTH/WEST B

NEW.COLL	2	V	M.NONG 3
BYE		V	E.GEEL
SYD.PK	4	V	S.G.I. 1
T.TOWN	1	V	ESS.CY 2
ALBION		V	BYE
CLIF.HILL	1	V	MORELAND 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Ess.Cy	10	9	1	0	53	5	19
T.Town	9	6	1	2	39	10	13
Morelan	10	5	3	2	22	13	13
S.G.I.	9	5	1	3	28	17	11
Albion	8	4	1	3	25	18	9
Syd.Pk	9	4	0	5	17	36	8
E.Geel	9	2	2	5	13	21	6
Clif.Hi	10	2	2	6	8	31	6
New.Col	8	0	3	5	5	24	3
M.Nong	8	1	0	7	8	43	2

NTH/WEST C

KEON.PK	0	V	MERRIBEE 4
B.MEADOWS	1	V	WESTGATE 1
SUNBURY	2	V	ELTHAM 0
YARRAVILLE	9	V	PRESTON B 0
NTH.UTD	F	V	ROSANNA 1
BYE		V	M.FIEL RAN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarravi	10	10	0	0	64	4	20
Werribe	11	7	2	2	28	13	16
Preston	9	6	1	2	27	19	13
Keon.Pk	10	5	1	4	30	19	11
Nth.Utd	10	3	5	2	20	22	11
Rosanna	11	5	1	5	24	27	11
Westgat	10	3	3	4	20	22	9
Sunbury	11	3	1	7	17	38	7
Eltham	11	2	2	7	15	36	6
M.Fiel	9	2	1	6	6	24	5
B.Meado	10	0	3	7	3	30	3

RICOH S/LEAGUE

C.FIELD CT	2	V	ST ALBANS 0
H/BERG UTD	1	V	E,ALTONA 2
CLAYTON	0	V	B,U.JUVE 8
PRESTON A	1	V	G,GULLY 1
F/STON UTD	0	V	S/VALE CTY 0
KARINGAL	1	V	MITCHAM 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	11	7	3	1	30	14	17
H/berg	11	7	2	2	19	11	16
E,alton	11	7	1	3	28	12	15
Preston	11	6	3	2	25	14	15
B,u.Juv	11	6	2	3	29	8	14
Mitcham	12	5	4	3	13	13	14
F/ston	11	4	2	5	15	17	10
G,gully	12	3	4	5	17	23	10
St Alba	12	4	2	6	16	27	10
C.Field	12	2	4	6	15	25	8
Karinga	11	1	4	6	13	27	6
Clayton	11	0	1	10	9	38	1

UNDER 14

EASTERN A

SS/VALE	3	V	F/STON PTN 1
SEAFORD	0	V	B,MARIS 0
WAV UTD	0	V	CLARINDA 4
BULLEEN		V	BYE
BYE		V	O,LEIGH
NUNA	1	V	MITCHAM 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Seaford	10	7	1	2	26	10	15
Clarind	10	5	4	1	29	11	14
Mitchae	10	5	3	2	22	8	13
O,leigh	8	5	1	2	27	11	11
F/ston	10	4	3	3	23	14	11
Se/vale	10	4	1	5	23	24	9
Nuna	9	3	3	3	23	28	9
Bulleen	9	4	0	5	8	15	8
Wav Utd	10	2	1	7	9	34	5
B,aaris	10	0	1	9	13	48	1

EASTERN B

C,FIELD	3	V	MACCABI 0
S/VALE CTY	0	V	WAV CTY 5
OAK SUBS	5	V	F,T.G 0
PK,MORE	6	V	S/VALE UTD 1
G,WAV		V	BYE
BERWICK	3	V	BOX HILL 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oak Sub	10	8	2	0	49	8	18
Wav Cty	10	7	3	0	55	3	17
Pk,more	10	7	1	2	48	14	15
Berwick	11	7	1	3	23	22	15
C,Field	10	5	2	3	23	15	12
S/vale	10	4	2	4	27	20	10
S/vale	11	3	2	6	20	24	8
G,wav	7	0	7	0	1	1	7
Box Hil	9	2	1	6	17	45	5
F.T.G	11	1	1	9	15	49	3
Maccabi	10	0	0	10	2	76	0

EASTERN C

BYE		V	BAXTER
L.WARRIN	5	V	CHELSEA 0
OAKLEIGH S	0	V	CROYDON 9
DONC.ROV	8	V	SHER.RANG 2
F.STON UTD	0	V	CLAYTON 0
D.NONG	3	V	HASTINGS 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
L.Warri	10	8	2	0	36	2	18
Donc.Ro	11	8	1	2	47	12	17
Sher.Ra	11	4	4	3	28	20	12
Chelsea	11	5	2	4	23	25	12
Clayton	10	4	2	4	19	28	10
Hasting	11	3	3	5	11	33	9
F.Ston	10	2	3	5	24	19	7
Oakleig	10	3	1	6	19	37	7
Baxter	10	2	0	8	9	42	4
D.Nong	10	1	0	9	15	52	2

NTH/WEST A

BYE		V	MALVERN
ALTONA CITY	3	V	G,GULLY 0
BYE		V	GEORGE X
BYE		V	H,BERG UTD
S/SHINE PK	5	V	M/CROATIA 1
CLIFTON	0	V	N,COTE 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
George	7	5	2	0	15	6	12
M/croat	8	5	1	2	30	13	11
Altona	9	5	1	3	14	9	11
G,gully	8	5	0	3	24	14	10
Clifton	8	4	1	3	6	11	9
N,cote	8	3	0	5	9	19	6
S/shine	7	2	1	4	11	15	5
H,berg	7	2	0	5	6	20	4
Malvern	8	1	0	7	9	17	2

NTH/WEST B

L'SSLEDOWN C		V	BYE
BYE		V	LALOR
BYE		V	WARIBYNON
T.TOWN	1	V	WEST GATE 1
GEELONG	1	V	M.LAND MEA 1
NTH RESERV	5	V	LALOR UTD 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
M.Land	8	6	2	0	24	7	14
Essendo	8	5	3	0	29	4	13
Nth Res	8	5	1	2	20	7	11
West Ga	8	3	2	3	11	10	8
Lalor U	8	3	1	4	9	20	7
Maribyr	7	3	0	4	18	22	6
Geelong	7	2	2	3	3	7	6
T.Town	8	1	1	6	4	15	3
Lalor	6	0	0	6	1	27	0

NTH/WEST C

BYE		V	BRUNS CITY
CORIO/G,LD	0	V	WILLIAMSTO 10
BELL PARK		V	BYE
MELTON	0	V	PORT MELB 0
ALBION	7	V	ROSANNA 0
BYE		V	S,SHINE PA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Port Me	9	7	2	0	39	6	16
Albion	8	6	1	1	37	7	13
Corio/g	10	6	1	3	31	25	13
Bruns C	8	5	2	1	31	16	12
Millian	9	5	0	4	35	23	10
Melton	9	2	3	4	20	32	7
S.Shine	9	2	2	5	10	28	6
Rosanna	9	1	1	7	2	30	3
Bell Pa	9	1	0	8	12	35	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

F,HILL	6	V	KNOX 1
S,SHINE HT	1	V	REGENT 2
PRESTON	1	V	JUVE 0
E,BENT	0	V	N,GEEL 7
PEN	2	V	S/VALE CTY 0
FAWKNER	0	V	LALOR UTD 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F,hill	12	10	1	1	36	8	21
Pen	11	9	0	2	26	4	18
S/vale	11	7	1	3	24	6	15
Lalor U	11	7	0	4	29	11	14
Preston	11	6	2	3	19	10	14
N,geel	12	6	2	4	21	16	14
Juve	10	4	3	3	14	6	11
Regent	11	3	3	5	8	17	9
S,shine	12	3	2	7	20	25	8
Fawkner	11	1	3	7	9	27	5
E,bent	11	1	1	9	7	57	3
Knox	11	1	0	10	8	34	2

UNDER 15

EASTERN A

C.FIELD	1	V	MALVERN 0
S/VALE CTY	9	V	BENT,GREEN 2
WAV,UTD	0	V	CLARINDA 1
HAWTHORN	2	V	LYNDALE A 3
M,BARK A	0	V	S/VALE CTY 6
BRIGHTON	2	V	OAK A 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
S/vale	12	10	2	0	40	2	22
C,Field	12	10	2	0	28	7	22
Clarind	11	7	2	2	28	8	16
Oak A	10	6	1	3	23	17	13
Malvern	11	5	2	4	17	15	12
Brighto	12	4	2	6	22	20	10
Hawthor	12	3	4	5	17	18	10
S/vale	12	5	0	7	17	21	10
Wav,utd	11	3	3	5	12	15	9
Bent,gr	12	2	1	9	10	38	5
Lyndale	11	2	1	8	12	42	5
M,bark	12	1	2	9	5	28	4

EASTERN B

OAK B	6	V	DINGLEY 1
L,WARN	0	V	S,DANDY 0
HAMPTON	7	V	M,BARK B 0
BYE		V	E,RICH
MONBULK	0	V	LYNDALE B 0
F,HILL	2	V	R,WOOD CTY 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Hampton	10	8	2	0	29	5	18
Oak B	10	7	3	0	36	8	17
E,rich	10	7	1	2	32	10	15
L,warn	10	6	1	3	16	12	13
R,wood	10	4	3	3	23	16	11
S,dandy	11	4	1	6	16	22	9
Lyndale	10	3	3	4	12	19	9
F,hill	11	4	0	7	23	29	8
Monbulk	10	1	3	6	9	31	5
M,bark	10	1	2	7	5	27	4
Dingley	10	0	3	7	7	29	3

NTH/WEST A

MEL CTY	2	V	CLIFTON 1
BYE		V	BYE
BYE		V	M,MEADOWS
Y,VILL	1	V	H,BERG UTD 1
NTH UTD	3	V	ESS,DON 2
BYE		V	BRUNS CTY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth Utd	8	5	3	0	24	5	13
H,berg	6	5	1	0	26	4	11
Y,vill	9	3	4	2	14	10	10
Mel Cty	8	3	2	3	10	12	8
Clifton	9	3	1	5	13	20	7
Ess,don	7	2	2	3	13	12	6
M,meado	6	1	0	5	4	17	2
Bruns C	6	0	0	6	2	37	0

NTH WEST B

BYE		V	MERRIBEE
S.G.I.	1	V	ALT.EAST 0
LALOR	1	V	NTH/GEEL 3
LAL.UTD		V	BYE
ALT.GATE	3	V	SUN.HGTS 0
BYE		V	N.COTE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Nth/gee	8	7	1	0	27	10	15
S.G.I.	9	7	0	2	29	7	14
Alt.Gat	9	5	1	3	25	21	11
N.Cote	8	5	0	3	23	17	10
Alt.Eas	8	4	1	3	18	9	9
Lal.Utd	7	3	1	3	12	12	7
Sun.Hgt	8	2	0	6	7	24	4
Werribe	8	1	0	7	14	29	2
Lalor	9	0	2	7	7	33	2

NTH/WEST C

ASCOT. ST		V	BYE
B,MEADOWS	0	V	E,GEEL 4
BUNDOORA		V	BYE
BYE		V	BYE
BYE		V	CROATIA B
W,VALE	2	V	SUNBURY 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Bundoor	7	6	0	1	28	8	12
E,geel	7	5	2	0	13	3	12
W,vale	6	3	1	2	11	9	7
Ascot.	7	2	3	2	6	9	7
B,meado	8	3	1	4	15	20	7
Sunbury	8	0	4	4	8	14	4
Croatia	6	0	2	4	6	10	2

RICOH S/LEAGUE

SHT.SVALE		V	M.SUBS
PRAHRAN	3	V	DONC.ROV 2
PRESTON	1	V	BU.JUVE 1
T.TOWN	1	V	ST.ALB 1
FAWKNER	0	V	MELB.CR A 3
BERWICK	0	V	MITCHAM 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Melb.Cr	10	9	0	1	39	5	18
Bu.Juve	11	8	2	1	29	9	18
Fawkner	11	7	2	2	25	18	16
M.Subs	10	6	2	2	23	5	14
Preston	11	5	4	2	23	19	14
Berwick	11	3	5	3	20	15	11
Sht.Sva	11	3	3	5	13	30	9
Mitchae	11	3	2	6	15	19	8
Donc.Ro	11	3	1	7	13	27	7
St.Alb	12	3	1	8	14	38	7
Prahran	12	2	2	8	13	26	6
T.Town	11	1	2	8	7	23	4

UNDER 16

EASTERN A

S/VALE UTD	4	V	CONDORS 6
SEAFORD	1	V	E,RICH 1
SANDY	3	V	MORDI 0
SS/VALE		V	BYE
F,STON UTD	2	V	MEL.CITY 4
BYE		V	MITCHAM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F,ston	9	7	1	1	38	9	15
Condors	10	6	2	2	35	19	14
Mel,cty	10	5	3	2	25	12	13
E,rich	10	5	2	3	21	16	12
Mordi	9	5	2	2	14	12	12
S/vale	10	4	0	6	29	26	8
Ss/vale	9	2	4	3	11	18	8
Sandy	10	2	2	6	14	35	6
Seaford	10	2	2	6	11	39	6
Mitchae	9	1	2	7	9	21	7

EASTERN B

C/WOOD		V	BYE
C/BOURNE	1	V	F.T.G 5
OAK SUBS	4	V	K,BORO 2
DONC	2	V	CHELSEA 1
F/STON UTD	1	V	KARINGAL 0
M,BARK	0	V	HASTINGS 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
F.T.G	10	7	2	1	35	14	16
Oak Sub	10	7	2	1	31	11	16
C/wood	7	7	0	0	49	6	14
F/ston	11	6	1	4	23	18	13
Donc	9	5	2	2	29	16	12
Chelsea	11	5	2	4	27	28	12
K,boro	11	5	0	6	32	24	10
M,bark	10	1	4	5	14	30	6
Karinga	10	1	2	7	14	29	4
Hasting	11	1	2	8	9	68	4
C/bourn	10	0	3

HOW YOUR TEAM FARED

State League

MORWELL FALCONS 4 - CAULFIELD CITY 1

IT was definitely a game of two separate halves at Crinigan Road with Morwell scoring four goals in the first half but unable to penetrate in the second half and Caulfield eventually scoring with only minutes of play left.

Falcons hit the scoreboard after only three minutes when Darko Basara latched onto a loose ball and rounded the defence to surprise 'keeper Nick Koletsas.

Basara kept up this fast pace for 10 minutes and almost got past Caulfield's defence twice more.

However, it was Sean Byrne who managed the second goal for Falcons at the 35th minute when he collected a high ball from Effie Cassar and eased it ever so gently towards goal, so gently, in fact, that it almost stopped before the line, it would definitely have been a score either way as Basara ran in quickly and slammed the ball hard as it eased over the line.

Billy Wright was perfectly positioned to make the third goal but a bad bounce sent it over the top of his boot.

Byrne was again in the thick of things and, with six minutes of the first half to go, he had the ball in front of the goal with only Koletsas to beat.

In a last-ditch attempt to stop the goal Koletsas threw himself at the feet of Byrne bringing him undone and finding the referee John Fraser pointing to the penalty spot. Jeff Doyle converted the spot kick. With only a minute of play remaining in the first half, Jim McBride took the ball through and noticed Billy Wright moving into position directly in front of goal. With an inch-perfect cross, Wright was able to control the ball easily and dodged past Koletsas who was prone, to see the goal bring Falcons tally up to four.

The second half was an entirely different affair with some solid work from Cesare Fattore earning him the yellow card and almost a sending off for his very late tackles.

Referee Fraser gave Fattore the benefit of the doubt on a couple of occasions when he bowled over Basara and Cassar.

Whatever Jim Condilis had said at half time certainly stirred his charges up because for the next 30 minutes, the ball was continually taken through Falcons' midfield and relied on the last lines of defence. Con Pappas was most unlucky towards the end when Dave Reynolds fended off a terrific shot that looked as though it was in all the way.

In the dying minutes the thrusts from Caulfield proved to be too much and just after Wright had been replaced by Greg Warszawski, a long through ball from Pappas found Nick Deligiannis just at the right spot and he sent the ball behind Reynolds to at least make a mark on the scoreboard.

— E.H.

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BOX HILL 0 FRANKSTON PINES 1

Pines continued their unbeaten run when they travelled to Wembley Park with only once change to the team which drew 3-3 with Fawkner the previous week.

In perfect weather, the first chance came in the 29th minute after Geoff Gillard was brought down in the box. Graham Watson converted for the second week in a row.

Box Hill fought back and had two chances but the shots were blocked well by keeper Davies to keep the score at half time at 1-0.

Box Hill started the second half on attack and was awarded a free kick at the edge of the 18-yard box when Davies overstepped the line but the shot was protected by the wall.

Pines accepted the rebound and immediately went into attack with a shot from Jim Ross hitting the cross bar and rebounding to Ally Dick whose shot went wide.

Hodgson replaced Gillard at the 60 minute mark as Box Hill pressed for the equaliser.

Davies was stretched and made another pressure save.

Gavilan replaced Ross and immediately made his presence felt when he slotted a ball down the left to an overlapping Buchanan. Buchanan then slotted a cross to the head of Stirton whose glancing header went into the far corner of the Box Hill goal in the 74th minute giving a final scoreline of 2-0.

Reserves Result: Box Hill 3 Frnakston Pines 2; Scorers C. O'Neill 1, J. Vlasiotis 1.

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MARIBYRNONG 0 CROYDON 5

Croydon's defeat of the Polonia team was not unexpected, considering the relative league standings of the two teams.

But the way it was achieved was unusual. Of the five goals scored, four were from dead-ball situations.

Croydon nearly scored from the kick off when Nick Van Egmond lifted the ball into the Polonia goal mouth and, as usual, Andy Humble was there to challenge, forcing the Maribyrnong full back to just pass to the keeper. A close thing to a 10-second goal.

Almost immediately Humble broke through but was unfairly brought down from behind.

After this exhilarating start, the game literally bogged down in the Raleigh Reserve mud and it took 40 minutes for Croydon to open the score.

A well flighted corner was expertly headed home by Dave McIntosh and just before half time Steve Brimmer went on the run on the right wing and was pulled down when charging into the penalty box.

The free kick was powered across by Van Egmond and Ian Dobson ran through to head powerfully under the Polonia goalkeeper.

The second half saw another headed goal direct from a corner with an elegant deflection by Darren Scott. This was soon followed by a sharp drive just inside the upright by Steve Brimmer to bring up Croydon's fourth.

The last goal came from the boot of Alan Roodhouse who flicked free kick towards the goal from the centre line which bat the hapless Polonia goalkeeper as the ball bounced through the centre.

There are four points in the offing over the next two weeks to be shared by the top three teams, and what a prospect this Sunday at Croydon Park when Croydon takes on the Falcons from Morwell — be early to claim a viewing space.

— J.H.

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RINGWOOD CITY 2 NORTHCOTE CITY 1

When John Corvan scored after six minutes of play in the game against Northcote City at Jubilee Park, it was Ringwood's first goal after five consecutive defeats and put the men in orange on their way to a hard-fought victory.

Play was scrappy in the first half, neither side played well although Northcote tried hard to build up some good attacks from midfield, but their forwards fell time and again in the dangerous, but cleverly played, off-side trap by Ringwood.

A daring, sliding tackle by Doug Nolan prevented the equaliser when J. Constantinou beat the Ringwood defence and appeared in front of Colin Blackley.

The second half was of much better quality and especially Northcote played good and attacking soccer but found the Ringwood defence in great shape. Ringwood also played better but could not always match the fluent combinations of Northcote.

Seven minutes into the second half John Corvan cleverly brought the Northcote defence in disarray which left three Ringwood players free in front of Mark Turudia and it was Michael Maguire who finished Corvan's masterwork to bring the score to 2-0.

A well-taken free kick by Marcel de Ridder 20 metres out was equally well saved by Turudia.

Northcote attacked fiercely and it was Peter Cocker who beat the Ringwood defence and Colin Blackley with a tremendous shot about 10 minutes from the final whistle.

The Ringwood defence came under more pressure in those last minutes with J. Constantinou hitting the bar trying for the equalizer, but Ringwood was able to hang on to a 2-1 victory.

— R.V.

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Victorian League Division Three

LALOR UTD 2 ELTHAM-DIAMOND VALLEY 0

Eltham-Diamond Valley: Hamilton, Stanaway, Giacomi, Petrucelli, Culham, Briggs, (Atkins 70m), Jankulovski, Tucker (Hodgson 75m), B. Coyle, Johansson, Cirka.

Lalor Utd: Kociski, Talevski, Anastasovski, Karevski, McMillan, Micalleff, Filipovski, Stoikos, Hibic, Josevski, Necovski.

Two long-time friends, Alan Kerr and George McMillan clashed as coaches for the first time, and McMillan's die, Lalor, completed the double over Valley with a fine 2-0 win.

Valley was first to bet into gear and had the best of the opening exchanges. A goalmouth scramble followed a Valley corner in the 12th minute when Giacomi's header and two shots were cleared off the line.

Lalor gradually settled down and Valley had two lucky escapes mid-way through the half when its defence was a complete shambles, but the home forwards failed to cash in.

The remainder of the half was fairly even, but the home side looked more likely to score.

Valley's front runners Cirka dn Johansson, faced an uphill battle in the second half against the Lalor defence, well marshalled by McMillan. Brian Coyle was closely marked by Micalleff and a lot of drive was lost in that area and, with the rest of the mid fielders sadly out of touch, Valley's attacks were few and far between.

Hibic was always looking dangerous and in the 59th minute he broke clear and, with the Valley players appealing for offside, strolled around Hamilton to score.

Valley's normally strong finish was not on show and despite two substitutions, it went from bad to worse.

Right on the death-knock, Hibic took on three defenders inside the box and squeezed the ball into the net from an acute angle to rub salt into the Valley wounds.

— G.K.

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Geelong Scene

BY ROY HAY

GEELONG's senior teams recorded six wins out of seven in Victorian and Provisional League matches played last week.

In Division Two, North Geelong defeated Yarraville 2-0. Robert Cosic was on hand to force the ball over the line from close range following a corner-kick and Paul Masterton converted a penalty-kick.

Geelong beat Doncaster Rovers 1-0 away from home Darren Tuck got the all-important goal, curving the ball round the keeper from close range as the home team stoped expecting an offside decision. Keilor dropped another point, so North moves into top spot on the ladder and Geelong goes to fourth.

Bell Park crushed Moorabbin City 6-0 with Tommy Cumming scoring a hat-trick and goals by Mark Linney, Lino Mazza and Slobodan Janovic. Sam McNeilage cleared the ball off the line in the first few minutes, and Moorabbin's forwards squandered another chance when no one would take the responsibility for shooting, but after 15 minutes Cumming chipped keeper Perry Mur from the bye-line, then repeated the dose a few minutes later.

Lino Mazza won the ball deep in the home half, and released Mark Linney for his first goal for Park. There were only six minutes to play, when Park banged home three more goals.

Three players queued up for shots at goal, but Lino Mazza was successful with a powerful drive. Slobodan Jovanovic robbed Moorabbin's defence and strolled through to pick his spot and Cumming headed his hat-trick, after Mark Linney had hit the bar with his header.

Despite the early loss of defender Paul Reardon

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2-0, and already the writing was on the wall for the Parkers.

The margin was reduced at the 45th minute when Wayne Brown, who was to prove a thorn in the side of the Coomoora defence all afternoon, was brought down on the edge of the penalty area. Robby Black stepped forward to take the penalty, and made absolutely no mistake.

Twenty-five minutes into the second half Roussety again capped off a brilliant solo run with a goal, though this time there was some question as to whether a defender had helped it over the line. Certainly Roussety had left himself the smallest of angles as he had carried the ball all the way to the goal line before hammering in his shot.

Six minutes later Collet made it 4-1 for the Spiders, and the game was all over. Or was it? Wayne Brown was to strike twice more. At the 79th minute he again powered through the Spiders' defence, and was again brought down on the edge of the Area. Again Robby Black strode forward to take the penalty but this time made somewhat of a meal of it, finally converting off the keeper's desperate block.

In the last minute of the game, brown finally got on the score sheet in his own right, when he again broke through the Spiders' defence to belt in the Parkers' third goal. But it was all too late.

there was no question that on the day the better side won, and could have won by a much greater margin. The win brought the Spiders to within two points of the leaders, and neither they nor Hampton Park can afford any more slips, as the only real obstacle standing between the Spiders and a clean sweep in the remaining rounds is Melbourne Rumania, but even in that match the Spiders will come in as firm favourites.

THERE was a torrent of goals at Sixth Avenue, Burwood, but no decision was reached.

First the Rumanian reserves took on Windsor and shared the points in a 3-3 result. The seniors went one better, drawing 4-4.

This was a see-saw match throughout. Doran Dodenciu opened the scoring for the home team at the 9th minute; Haris Lakoumentas made it 1-all at the 12th. Ioan Jurcutz made it 2-1 at the 33rd minute; Lakoumentas made it 2-2 at the 35th; Dodenciu made it 3-2 at the 60th and Constantin Grigoras made it 4-2 at the 73rd.

Then a brace of penalties, expertly converted by Bill Kabylakis at the 80th and 88th minutes, made it 4-all.

Neither management can take a great deal of consolation from this match.

Windsor, which had been in a position to dominate the run home and to put the issue beyond doubt, continues to drop vital points, while for Melbourne Rumania, the team's inab[illegible] to press home its adv. itage when in a winning position and its repeated failure to capitalise on slips by the leaders, have virtually ended any hopes it had for the 1989 championship.

Ardeer and Altona North Tarxien continue to press for leadership of Three West, another division where the competition for championship honors is both fierce and close.

As if Altona North Tarxien's win over Nippondenso were not convincing enough, Ardeer decided to go one better, and white-washed a luckless Sunbury 6-0. Home team secretary, Peter Wisniewski, showed he is as good with his boot as with his pen when he knocked in a very educated hat-trick. Other scorers for the winners were Ray Langdale (pen.), Mark Vella and super-sub, John Wrobel.

In Division Three East, Sallas shook off the last of its would-be challengers when it knocked over Laminex 8-0, with hat-tricks to Ivan Matijas and Pero Dolic.

Also on the hat-trick trail was Eddy Persons of Montrose, who celebrated his 31st Birthday in scoring all the goals in side's 3-0 win over Fibremakers United.

Four postponed Cup matches were played on Sunday — two each in the Mansfield Bunney League Cup and the Mansfield Bunney Invitation Cup. In the League Cup, Flemington Floridia won as expected in its encounter with Sunshine Macedonia, although the 3-0 margin was perhaps larger than the pundits would have predicted. It was the other Division Three West side, St Albans Dynamo, which kept its division's banner flying.

Playing away against Division 1A's Thomastown United, the Dynamos were never expected to do more than give a good account of themselves. But they did a jolly sight better than that in winning a very tough encounter. For the Dynamos, Zdenko Brkljacic and Ivan Grgas played very intelligently in a game where the visitors concentrated on maintaining a rigid defensive formation, permitting only the occasional forays into their opponents' half.

Still, the tactics were so successful that by half-time the Dynamos were 2-1 up. Brkljacic and Grgas were the scorers for St Albans, while Mustafa Abak restored some credibility to the Thomastown performance by knocking in a 45th minute penalty.

The second half was also a torrid affair, with Thomastown making the mistake of relying on what would have been deft interpassing on a firm surface, but not on Sunday's mud heap. Brkljacic made it 3-1 for the Dynamos early in the second half, while for Thomastown, Eyup Pug broke through at the 70th minute to make it 3-2.

Outstanding for Thomastown United were Tony and Benyamin Pug, while for St Albans Dynamo Frank Ivkovic was brilliant in goal, capping off a classy display with an unbelievable save of a last-minute penalty, which might have forced the game into extra time.

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CUP ROUNDS TO BE PLAYED ON SUNDAY:

Mansfield Bunney League Cup: St Albans Dynamo v Footscray United, Middle East v Montrose, ANZ Bank v Nippondenso, Highpoint v Springvale Eagles, Flemington Floridia v Altona Ilinden, Ardeer v Melb. Rumania, Glenroy Doxa United v Tottenham, Epping Thistle v Flamingo.

Mansfield Bunney Reserves Cup: Springvale Eagles v North Dandenong Sparrows, Flamingo v Tottenham, Youth United v Highpoint, Apollo United v Windsor, Montrose v Cretan Athletic, Middle East v Elwood Un., Coomoora Spiders v Melb. Rumania, Middle Park v Rowville.

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Klepac (Juve)
Koureemenos (North)
Lujic (Bull)
McArthur (BH)
McGrellis (Juve)
McLelland (GG)
McMillan (GG)
Manley (MF)
Markovski (Alt)
Muir (Ring)
O'Keefe (Bull)
Patiniotis (North)
Patterson (Juve)
Pender (GG)
Pondeljak (St.A)
Roodhouse (Croy)
Ross (FP)
Sabatino (Fawk)
Trogrlic (Bull)
Wall (Ring)

HOW YOUR TEAM FARED CONTD.

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with a groin strain, Corio-Geelong United defeated Altona City 3-1 in Division Three with two goals by Paul den Ouden and one by Brendan Lakic. Den Ouden's second goal was a bizarre one.

He lost the ball to a defender in the goal area, but when the latter tried to blast the ball clear he only succeeded in hitting the big striker and the ball rebounded into the net.

Stan Demo had an excellent match as substitute for Reardon. The other good news for Corio-Geelong United fans is that Robbie Noggler and George van der Chys made successful come-backs in the reserves, each scoring twice.

Hamlyn Rangers beat Williamstown 2-1 thanks to Stephen McAuliffe and David Walmsley. Rangers dominated the match but failed in front of goal.

In the Provisional Leagues, East Geelong lost 5-2 at Oakleigh Suburbs but Brintons scored the only goal at Lalor. East found itself short-handed at Oakleigh and had to introduce several more youngsters to fill the gaps.

Peter Stojanovski put East ahead with a fine goal, but thereafter East collapsed and had only a late goal by Done Laovski to add to its opener.

For Brintons, Ian Henderson's corner-kick was nodded on by David Brough and John Cahill rose to head home.

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1. Armstrong (S'vale)
Aslimovski (Alt)
Avian (Bull)
Baran (Mar)
Belegrinos (Mar)
Belic (Juve)
Bingham (MF)
Bothwell (FP)
Bruns (MF)
Burgess (North)
Burlak (North)
Cassar (MF)
Constantinou.J(North)
Constantinou.N(North)
Corvan (Ring)
Cristaldo (Thom)
Cumming (Ring)
Curulli (Bull)
Davis (Alt)
Della Rocca (Juve)
De Propertis (Thom)
Dougherty (Thom)
Elsey (GG)
Fourna (S'vale)
Griffin (Thom)
Grimaud (FP)
Ham (BH)
Hennessey (Thom)
Kebarkovski (Alt)
Lipiarski (Mar)
Livingstone (Bull)
Marley (Juve)
McDonagh (FP)
McLeod (BH)
McPhee (BH)
Marchett (Fawk)

STATE LEAGUE

FAWKNER vs SPRINGVALE

After a physically hard and at times spiteful match, Springvale managed to leave the Jukes road ground with two points in its bag.

In the end the win was the result of a more direct approach to the game, a tactic that although not particularly attractive seems to allow the club to climb its way through the ladder.

Fawkner on the other hand has yet to reach a compromise between playing entertaining soccer and achieving positive results; its present position on the table seems to show that an answer has to be found soon and that extra work must be done to improve its ability to withstand the hard physical pressure imposed on oppositions by so many teams in this competition.

The game started in a bright and spirited manner, with both teams aware of the importance of a win.

A header by Armstrong in the early minutes signalled danger for the home team.

However, it was Fawkner, through a near post flick by Emmanuelle at the 18 that went ahead.

The visitors equalized in the 31' through Webster whose shot found a hole in the Fawkner defence. Springvale went close again in the 32' and again in the 35' but Terzini, today in excellent form, saved.

Springvale seemed in complete control of the match at this stage but the home defenders guided by sweeper Cosentino rebutted all the attacks.

Towards the end of the first half Fawkner twice found itself in great danger but somehow managed to head for the dressing room at 1-1.

Right at the start of the second half Fourna dribbled several opponents and calmly beat Terzini with what eventually was to be the winning goal.

Springvale continues its hard tackling and the referee, Mr Voutsinas has his hands full maintaining control.

The culmination of the physical encounters occurred in the 12' when Bissinger was sent off after an exchange with Hanna.

It was then Soumelidis' turn to receive a yellow card and he was followed by Armstrong, whose relieved look at 'only' getting a booking left spectators wondering if perhaps he deserved something more severe.

Fawkner now propelled itself forward to take advantage of its numerical advantage, but Springvale showing good discipline and a no-nonsense game in defense closed rank, only running perilously close to surrendering a goal in the 32' when Hannas' header was saved by Armstrong on the goal line.

The next minute Terzini saved at the other end from a counter-attack which also signalled the last action worth mentioning in this match.

— A.P.

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STATE LEAGUE

NORTHCOTE CITY 1 BULLEEN 0.

In a re-scheduled postponed fixture from earlier in the season, Northcote City took on Bulleen under lights at John Cain Reserve last Wednesday night.

It was a one-sided affair which Northcote dominated for the full 90 minutes and Bulleen can thank its lucky stars that the 'Cotes were off target time and time again; as the scoreline was very flattering to the visitors.

It was no surprise then in the 19th minute, when Northcote took the lead. Nick Constantinou swung a perfect free kick across from the left to the far post where Paul Harris was on hand to nod the ball down for striker Peter Cocker to put the finishing touch to from a metre out.

From then on it was one way traffic, with superb chances falling to Jim Constantinou on two occasions and another to Cocker who did well to put the ball on its way from a Pedro Ramos cross, only to see his effort stop in the mud a foot from goal.

Bulleen rarely threatened Northcote's goal in the first half, due to its inefficiency in midfield in supplying Bullens' two dangerous front men in Zdravko Lujic and Lee O'Keefe with reasonable service.

The second half continued where the first left off, with Northcote continually peppering Bulleen's goal with high balls which caused the Maroons many a headache.

John Burgess shot wide from point blank range, Jim Constantinou blasted his effort out of the ground when it looked easier to score, and Cocker headed wide after being well placed to make it 2-0.

But in the end, it was the two points that counted for Northcote. If it is to continue its surge up the ladder.

Bulleen's display all in all was pitiful.

It lacked pace, direction, and any sense of purpose and to add to its woes, defender Fab Angele was given his marching orders from referee Barry Grant for his second bookable offence within four minutes.

Coach Tony Vrzina has a tough task on his hands if he is to re-group his troops for the remainder of the season.

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The irony of it all was, that after defying the NSL to give his star players a rest, they lost the finals match against St George after all. But undeterred, by Sunday night he was volubly protesting that it was unfair that Olympic had to travel to Melbourne for the minor semi, after finishing above Croatia, albeit on goal difference.

Mallacoota Cup

WHAT is probably the best end-of-season trip available to Victorian clubs, the Mallacoota Cup is on again on September 30 and October 1.

This two-day tournament annually involves teams from Sydney, Melbourne, Wollongong and the Latrobe Valley.

for those able to spare the time, the weekend continues on to the Monday, when the local club hosts a fantastic beach barbecue on the beautiful waters of Mallacoota Inlet.

Due to the wet weather in Melbourne this season and the fact that this year's Cup is being held only one week after the end of the scheduled Victorian League season several regular entrants have not been able to nominate because they will have to play postponed games on that weekend.

The Mallacoota club is most anxious that the balance of teams between NSW and Victoria is maintained and any club which will have completed its VSF or local league obligations by that weekend is welcome to contact organiser Alf Bowerman. The phone members are (051) 58 0250 or (051) 43 1004.

A fantastic weekend with plenty of soccer and excellent entertainment is guaranteed — even the referees have a waiting list.

Clubs such as Sandringham City and Yallourn have regularly attended in the past.

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NORTHCOTE CITY V ALTONA GATE...
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MARIBYRNONG V BRUNS. JUVE.....
CROYDON CITY V MORWELL FALC...
FRANKSTON PINES V SPRINGV C...
BOX HILL V THOMASTOWN.....

VICTORIAN LEAGUE — RD 18 Div. 1 — Saturday
KNOX CITY V MORDIALLOC.....
DANDENONG V BROADM. C.....
ESSENDON CITY V WERRIBEE.....
SANDRINGHAM CITY V DOVETON....
OAKLEIGH V MOOROOLBARK.....
WESTGATE V WESTERN SUBURBS...
Sunday
ALBION V NUNAWADING CITY.....

VICTORIAN LEAGUE — RD 18 Div. 2 — Saturday
CLIFTON HILL V PORT MELB.....
BRIGHTON V DONCASTER ROV.....
GEELONG V COBURG.....
KEILOR V SUNBURY UN.....
RINGW. UN V NORTH GEELONG.....
YARRAVILLE V RICHMOND.....
WAVERLEY CITY V HEIDELBERG C...

Div. 3 — Saturday
YALLOURN V MOORABBIN CITY.....
BELL PARK V CLARINDA.....
CHELSEA V HAWTHORN.....
HOLLAND PARK V LALOR UN.....
ELTHAM/DIAM. VALL V SEAF. UN...
MORNINGTON V CORIO/GEEL UN....
SPRINGVALE UN V ALTONA CITY....
Div. 4 — Sunday
E. BRUNS./IVANHOE V
E. BRUNS/IVANHOE V LANGWARRIN.....
BENTLEIGH GREENS V PASCOE V...
BORONIA V ROSANNA.....
KEYSB. V HAMLYN RANGERS.....
WILLIAMSTOWN V FERNTREE G....
KARINGAL UN V CLAYTON.....
REGENT V MORELAND PARK/R.....

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE — RD 18 Div. 1 — Saturday
OAKLEIGH SUBS. V WEST MEADOWS.....
SPRINGV. CONDORS V SOUTH YARRA.....
MALVERN C V MELTON.....
NTH SUNSHINE V MOSSFIEL R.....
BUNSWICK CITY V PRAHRAN.....
WEST VALE V BERWICK CITY.....
EAST GEELONG V WAVERLEY UN....
Div. 2 — Saturday
SOUTH DAND. V ALTONA EAST.....
MONASH UNIVERSITY V BALLARAT...
CRANBOURNE V ASCOT ST MARKS....
GLENROY V LALOR.....
BRINTONS V FRANKST. UN.....
PORT UN. V UNI OF MELB.....
FOREST HILL V STH SPRINGV.....
Div. 3 — Saturday
KEW EAGLES V MEADOW P.....
MONBULK V BATMAN UN.....
RINGWOOD ROVERS V BRANDON P....
CARRUM UN V NORTH CLAYTON....
LYNDALE UN V MITCHAM UN.....
ALTONA UN V WANTIRNA.....
RIVERSDALE V FITZROY CITY.....

AMATEUR LEAGUE — RD 18 Div. 1 — Sunday
OAKLEIGH UN V KEILOR UN.....
LATROBE UNIVERSITY V BYE.....
EAST RICHMOND V COLLINGW. CITY...
BALWYN CITY V HAWTHORN UN....
NORTHERN UN V PHILLIP INST.....
DIGGERS REST V WAV. WANDERERS.....
Div. 2 — Sunday
CONCORDE V MACCABI.....
YARRA UN V FURLAN UN.....
OLD SCOTCH V RMIT.....
MELB. UNIV V CAMBERW. GRAM....
ENDEAVOUR HILLS V DIAMOND V...
INTERCITY V UPFIELD.....

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